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Plans for Mineral Museum expanding

By ALISON ALOISIO

The Maine Mineral and Gem Museum will open in 2013, a year later than originally planned.

But the delay is for the best of reasons: the project has doubled in size, a fact reflected in the recent purchase of a second building on Main Street in Bethel.

Two years ago the MMGM bought the Kennett Realty building, with a plan for it to house what will be the largest collection of Maine gems and minerals in the world.

Since then, said Director Gena Schwam, "the size of the project has expanded so much, with exhibits, research facilities and retail space, that we will have doubled the amount of space we originally anticipated."

So museum founders Larry Stifler and Mary McFadden also bought the

adjacent building, where Viewer's Choice Video was located. Research, gem cutting, educational programs, lectures and other public programs will take place in the new space.

Background

For the past several years, Stifler and McFadden have been working with local jeweler and miner Jim Mann to help preserve western Maine's gem and mineral heritage. They have purchased or obtained through long-term loan noteworthy Maine gems from collections around the world.

They also bought the Bumpus Mine in Albany, which is open seasonally for public tours.

Some of the early gem acquisitions included a 158-carat morganite gem

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Out of circulation, incinerator bound



About 40 area residents showed up Saturday at the Oxford County Sheriff's Office in Bethel for national Drug Take Back Day. The takeback is sponsored by the federal Drug Enforcement Agency. In Maine the effort collected 19,980 pounds of unused, expired and unwanted medications, according to Michael W. Wardrop, Resident Agent in Charge of the DEA's Portland office. "From some initial inquiries, Maine was again #1 per capita for the overall collection in the U.S. and we did have the largest collection in New England for the second time in a row," Wardrop said. Another Take Back Day is tentatively scheduled for this Fall, he said.

(Photo: M. Daniels)

W'stock ordinance presents selectmen with another row

By ALISON ALOISIO

Woodstock selectmen and their CEO Tuesday faced off again with another person unhappy with the enforcement of the town's Property Maintenance Ordinance.

Code Enforcement Officer Joelle Corey-Whitman has been working in recent months to get many people to clean up their properties.

In this most recent issue, the officials said there had been many attempts over the past year to get the former S and S Redemption Center property in Bryant Pond Village cleaned up inside and out. Last month Corey-Whitman sent a registered letter to owner John Berry, of Arizona, notifying him of a public hearing on the issue April 17. They said he signed for the letter but never responded.

But on Tuesday his granddaughter, Julie Berry, said they should have notified her and her mother about the public hearing.

She said they have responsibility for the property, and the town officials knew it.

She also said the property has been in better shape under her grandfather's ownership.

"We have cleaned it up," she said. "Since we have owned the property, it is probably 10 times better now than it was ever."

She also said newspaper accounts of a discussion by town officials at the hearing about the condition of the property were "completely wrong. It made it sound like it was disgusting. You know what I took out of there? Boxes, bot-

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Sens. Snowe, Collins want F-35 hearing in Maine, and more information in EIS

By MICHAEL DANIELS

In a joint letter last week, Maine's two U.S. Senators, Olympia Snowe and Susan Collins, formally requested that Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley hold a public hearing in Maine on the Air Force's plan to allow F-35 fighter jets to train over western Maine.

The senators also called for a more extensive analysis of the potential environmental impact of such a move.

Among their other committee assignments, Sen. Collins serves on the Armed Services Committee's Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, and on the Appropriation Committee's Subcommittee on Defense. Sen. Snowe, who

will be leaving the Senate in January, is a former member of the Armed Services Committee.

In making their case for

operate there, the closest public hearing to Maine is scheduled for Littleton, N.H., on May 15. The Condor MOA covers a signifi-

the Environmental Impact Statement submitted by the Air Force provides an inadequate analysis of that impact, thus fails to meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act.

"Because the current draft EIS for this proposal does not mention, consider, or sufficiently evaluate the impact on the environment or ambient noise level of the F-35, we believe that the existing draft EIS may not sufficiently examine the impacts of the proposed change to the airspace in a manner consistent with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. Please describe what steps the Air Force will take to

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a hearing here, the senators write that "despite the potential introduction of a much louder type of aircraft into the Condor MOA [Military Operating Area] compared to those aircraft which currently

cant portion of Maine, including four ski resorts, 47,700 acres of federally recognized Native American reservations, and 144 miles of the Appalachian Trail."

They go on to argue that

G'wood budget up less than 1%

By MICHAEL DANIELS

When they open their property-tax bills in August, Greenwood residents should face no surprises.

Unless town-meeting voters make changes in what the selectmen are recommending, the total expense budget (including school and county taxes) for FY 12-13 will be up only

1 percent from the previous year's.

As a result, the town's mill rate of \$11.65 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation will not change, Town Manager Kim Sparks said.

For the fiscal year that began July 1, 2011 the town budgeted \$2,164,296. The proposed budget for the coming year is \$2,179,658.

The school assessment for the coming year is \$950,000, up \$3,000.

The county figure is \$121,897, up \$7,804.

Those increases are largely offset by decreases in several town accounts, including Operating Expenses, Community Safety, Debt Service, Facility Utilities, Park Maintenance, Recreation, G&W Transfer Station, Highway Department, Abatement and Unanticipated Expenses.

Accounts seeing increases include Administration, Codes/Planning/Assessing, General Services, and the Fire Department.

The selectmen are also recommending the town put \$85,000 into Reserves/

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No contenders for two of Bethel's School Board seats

By LESLIE DIXON, Sun Media Group

No one has returned nomination papers for two seats on the SAD 44 board, Town Clerk Christen Mason said.

Nomination papers were due at the town office by 5 p.m. Monday.

The seats being vacated are those of Carol Everett and Kristen Drew, Mason said. They could be filled by write-in votes, or by appointment by the Board of Selectmen after the June 12 election.

In the election for a seat on the Board of Selectmen incumbent Robert Everett of the Flat Road is being challenged by Peter Southam of the Songo Pond Road. Southam is a teacher at Gould Academy.

Elections take place from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. June 12 at Crescent Park Elementary School.

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A DRAFT OF CYCLISTS—Sophomore, Marcello Deluca of Hanover rides Saturday in the Grafton Notch Challenge for Gould Academy in the New England Prep School Cycling League. (Photo: Dirk MacKnight)

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More golf news... Men's League starts TONIGHT & Pitch, Putt & Pour Tournament on 5/6 @ noon

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Letters

THANK YOU FOR BEING YOU

To the Editor:

Where does one start when trying to convey the feeling that this community conveyed to my family and myself at the concert at Gould Academy on the April 15.

Thank you so much for your support physically, financially and spiritually.

By fate I found Bethel 40 years ago. I was only going to stay for a weekend; well that didn't happen, thank goodness.

Thank you to my fellow musician friends, you all were awesome, and to Jewel Clark my musical wife-approved girlfriend. Thank you for being you. With much love,

Donnie and Martha Katlin
Gilead

CEMETERY ANNUAL MEETING

To the Editor:

The annual meeting of the Woodland Cemetery Company will be held at my house at 18 Broad Street on Sunday evening, May 6, at 7 p.m. Anyone interested in becoming involved in one of Bethel's most historic cemeteries is cordially invited to attend.

One of the goals in addition to regular maintenance of this significant historical resource is to return it to its historic 19th Century appearance as a "garden" cemetery with lots of shrubs and flowering bushes. Much progress has been made in this realm over the past several years, but much more needs to be done.

Those seeking further information, can call me at 824-2291.

Stan Howe
President

A BEAUTIFUL BREVITY

To the Editor:

In reading the letters to the editor from the last edition of The Bethel Citizen, I was stricken by the beautiful and concise brevity of Mr. Whitney's letter to the editor.

On the other hand, I was not quite so impressed by letters written by Mr. Chase and Mr. Lyon. Both gentlemen insist on the "diatribe of the absurd," in trying to defend our governmental attitude towards... "You know nothing while we know everything," and they do so in an overwhelming use of many more words than are necessary by using the same old "talking points" that each and every one of the liberal pundits use.

I'm pretty confident that I don't speak just for myself. I'm fairly confident that there are many in town who are bored to pieces with words like neo-con, Wall Street greed and all of the other phrases designed to make those of us who consider ourselves to be conservatives feel guilty.

Messrs. Lyon and Chase, if they are comfortable with a government that continues to rack up a debt that our grandchildren won't even be able to pay off then I would suggest that their allusion towards the faux intelligence of the conservatives be turned inward.

If those, gentlemen believe, that it's alright for perfectly healthy people to refuse work and accept government money, food stamps, methadone and in general, assistance that they are more than capable of providing for themselves then I suggest to them that they have no respect for the country in which we live. I know that both of those gentlemen remember what it was like to grow up in the United States of America where a person was measured by his worth and not how well he or she, could "game" the system.

So, in an effort to keep this letter as short as possible, let me say this to you folks... Liberalism is a form of government that has neither success in its history nor potential in its future... It is a failed policy.

Harry Faulkner
Bethel

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. We hope our readers will regard the newspaper as a public forum for discussing any topic they believe to be of interest to the community.

Insofar as possible, we attempt to publish letters without alteration, but we do reserve the right to edit for length, libel, taste and readability. Letters should be limited to 300 words, but that limit will be waived when the situation warrants.

In situations where the letter writer has a political, economic, familial or other relationship that could be perceived as bearing on the topic addressed in the letter, we strongly suggest the writer make that relationship known in the text of the letter or after their signature.

When writing, please include your full name, signature, address and telephone number (so that we may verify authorship).

The deadline for letters to the editor is 4:30 p.m. Monday. Letters submitted after that deadline will be considered for publication when circumstances permit.

Send your letters to: Editor, Bethel Citizen, PO Box 109, Bethel, ME 04217-0109. Fax: 824-2426. E-mail: news@bethelcitizen.com.

TOWN MEETINGS NO PLACE FOR PRAYER

To the Editor:

I've been thinking about what David Holt, the Norway Town Manager, is quoted as saying in the Sun-Journal article re prayer at town meetings: "What ever is done, it has to be FAIR."

There are many possible examples of a prayer at a town meeting not being fair. For example: If a man at the meeting was molested by a priest as a child and a priest is asked to give the prayer, that would be terribly unfair.

A bisexual couple should not have to listen to a prayer from a minister that is campaigning against equal rights.

People should be free to pick the religion that is right for them not have one forced on them at a meeting that could be important to them for practical purposes.

Nancy Willard
Woodstock

IT'S TIME FOR BETHEL TO HAVE A DOG PARK

To the Editor:

To my fellow citizens:

Close your eyes. Think of a higher force of your own conception. Now spell God backward. Envision our favorite dog's frolicking year round in a protected, safe fenced-in environment. (Even a section for smaller dogs only.) It would be "The Bethel Dog Park." All would be welcomed. We could mingle, smooze and chat up a storm. Winter weather could bring us together and ward off Cabin Fever.

Open your eyes. Our beloved town has every other recreational place, but not one for a doggie paradise. They are pack animals that need each other and so do we. Let's rally around to happily complete what we dog lovers and everyone in between would love. For fun and for free.

To support our cause, if you choose, please contact Judith Diamond ((207) 836-2100 or Steve White (207) 890-9356.

Our first meeting is Thursday, May 24 at 6 p.m. at the Mahoosuc Land Trust, Route 2 by the Crossroads Diner.

Judith Diamond
Bethel

ENOUGH ALREADY — LET'S DEBATE

To the Editor:

Stop. Enough already! Weekly the "Letters" section of this publication is filled with righteous tirades and diatribes expounding the thinking, if I may use that term in its broadest sense, of either left wing liberals or right wing conservatives. Maybe I should use the word ideology rather than thinking. Stop, Enough Already! They know who you are, as do the rest of us.

Whom are you trying to convince? their ravings will never sway the opposition to their side. Maybe it's the Independents they are trying to convert? Don't bother; they can't be turned by a slick phrase or long, multi-syllable words. Is it possible that they simply like seeing their words and/or names in print? I know I do.

I have an idea! Let's have a debate, just like the ones that will soon be vying for airtime and our attention. Let's make it a debate solely on actual facts; not facts as you interpret or perceive them but upon sound irrefutable data. Right versus Left; Liberal versus Conservative; Republican versus Democrat. Independents can join in also if they really wish to be associated with the others.

The way I see it each side sends a single representative just one spokesperson. I will rent a room from a local establishment; sorry if anyone wants refreshments they will have to make those arrangements themselves. Each side will submit five specific questions they wish the other side to address. Editing the questions will be accomplished by an independent panel. And since I am paying for the room I get to choose the moderator. Each representative will get a pre-determined amount of time for opening remarks. Unlike the National debates no one will be allowed to go over the allotted time. I will devise a method to insure compliance, something like a cattle prod, electric dog collar or shepherd's crook. Each representative will be allowed a pre-determined amount of time for rebuttal. Further details, such as how much give and take will be allowed and the actual time limits can be worked out if all sides are able to get their acts together and actually have enough intestinal fortitude to present their arguments in person to the public.

How about it?

Bud Kulik
Bethel

YOU DECIDE

To the Editor:

There seems to be an inference in both Brenda Stickney's and Richard Grover's letters to the editor, that the Republicans are a meritously conservative branch of the federal government, while Democrats are a mindless spendthrift liberal branch.

In reality both parties have conservative and liberal components. The conservative component of the Republican ideology is revealed in the proposed Paul Ryan budget plan. Personally I can't help but regard Paul's plan as being a masterpiece of cut-throat conservatism, as it conserves things like food off the plate of the hungry, medical and health care from the needy, and the availability of fuel assistance to assure the elderly of a warm and comfortable environment to reside in.

The liberal component of the Republican ideology is dedicated to ensuring the top monetary one percent of things like the wherewithal to maintain and staff their multi-lavish mansions, their exotic vacation homes, their luxurious yachts, their corporate jets and possibly a Cadillac elevator in each garage.

On the other hand the liberal component of the present day Democratic ideology is dedicated to preventative measures to keep those on the lower end of the economic spectrum from being completely expelled. The conservative component of the Democratic ideology is dedicated to tempering any effort by the Republicans to further polarize this nation's prosperity in favor of the top monetary one percent. In Brenda Stickney's most recent self-professed tirade to The Citizen, she complained about how the government had carelessly and intentionally trampled on the rights of her, her family, and her friends. I admit that I am not privileged of the knowledge to ascertain, as to whether or not Brenda is one of the top monetary one percent. However if she is not, I wonder how trampled on she's willing to be, if her conservative compatriots prevail in imposing the provisions of the Paul Ryan plan on we at the lower end of the economic spectrum. I can't help but conclude that anyone below the status of the top monetary one percent, that embraces or applauds the intent of the present day Republican ideology, would have to be subject to blind allegiance to an ideology that is no longer in their best interest.

To conclude this presentation I will resort to plagiarizing a quote from Brenda's most recent Letter to the Editor, "You Decide."

Don Chase
Bethel

Editor's note: Local news has total priority in The Bethel Citizen. Letters on regional and national issues appear in our print edition only when space remains after all publishable letters regarding local matters have been placed.

—MRD

Celladore

'How do you get water?'

He hauled his small tank down into the woods to a place we called our machinery shed. We celebrated that night by baths at home. Luxury, luxury, luxury! We were cautious for a few days, but the water came up fast. In two days we had six feet, in a week twelve. The water crisis was over. It had not been a too disagreeable siege except for two very cold days when B.B. had been forced to haul enough to "get us by" until the weather changed. Our house guests had not minded, our activities had not been curtailed. An astrology-minded friend wondered if the fact I am a Pisces was influential but if so, why am I not a dowser? The only real problem came when we were invited out for dinner. It was difficult to stand by and watch water being wasted.

Never sit back complacently and think, now I've experienced all the pitfalls that could possibly occur with water problems. When least expected, some new calamity will happen. Of such is the plugging of a sewer. This never happened in the "old days" because most country places simply had an open drain running out from the kitchen sink, a v-shaped wooden trough from twelve to twenty feet long. It did not smell; the ground absorbed water and waste. Luxurious patches of rhubarb grew nearby which went into countless pies and jars of jam. No one ever thought of germs.

I remembered that the Gunthers had phoned the night before offering us some pick-erel brought back from an ice fishing trip. I might as well walk down and get them and stop for a chat. Howard asked what B.B. was doing. His face looked solemn; a doubt like a cold wind came over me. Maybe the job would not be done quickly. I made my farewells and did not dawdle on the way home. B.B., amid a tangle of wires, roared out at me, "Where the h... have you been?"

"For the fish."

"For the fish! Of all times, with a plugged sink drain on a short day of January when it is dark at four p.m., you are wandering around for fish."

I started to protest my innocence, that he had said to do something else, then quickly closed my mouth. This was not a time to be undiplomatic. I meekly substituted, "Isn't it wonderful that you have the box all uncovered. Can I help now?"

"Take a kettle of boiling water and pour it down the sink."

Without questioning I did so, then ran out to look. A slow trickle of water came out the pipe, then some debris, then nothing at all.

Our Back Pages

Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Despite the snowy weather, approximately 125 people participated in the Bethel Area March of Dimes Walk-a-Thon raising \$16,000.

Rachel and Blake MacKay celebrated their Golden Anniversary on May 3.

Births: Dominic Lincoln William Beaudet, Jared Ryan Steward.

Deaths: Gerry H. Parker, Georgie G. Young, Annie Phillips.

20 years ago: An early morning fire burned through an outside wall and into the attic of the Sunday River Road residence of Gary Roshto causing about \$5,000 damage.

A grand opening was held at the newly renovated Backstage Restaurant and Lounge.

Deaths: Carroll R. Yates, Ernest A. Mundt, Erma G. Smith, Samuel F. McCoy, Robert E. Duran.

30 years ago: Telstar senior Tim Kersey ran a 10.5 sec. 100 yard dash to tie the record set by Bob Tift in 1969.

Charles Haines and Charles Haines, Jr. won the Maine State and Oxford County Championships of White Water Canoeing.

40 years ago: The Bethel Area Clean-Up Day was a great success with approximately 200 adults and youths representing 16 organizations working together. Over 500 bags of litter were removed from 60 miles of roadsides.

The Bethel Library was exhibiting the paintings of Sue Wight.

The Telstar band traveled to Wiscasset to participate in an exchange concert.

Births: Amy Jean Blake, Michael Victor Crockett, Philip O'Donnell III, Ronald Joseph Pinette.

Deaths: Ralph A. Tripp, Corey Lee Batchelder.

50 years ago: The Western Auto was offering a good selection of the latest hit records for 34 cents each.

A 35x75 foot barn and the nearby shop belonging to Henry Godwin were destroyed by fire. Firemen were able to save nearby buildings as well as livestock and two tractors.

Bob Lowe was opening a store in the Kozy Korner property on the Locke Mills road which he had recently purchased.

Births: Troy Jordan, Dawne Marie James, Jeffrey Scott Luce.

Deaths: Mrs. Dorris Walker, Mrs. W. Charles Hancock.

60 years ago: Miss Marguerite Cotton was tendered a shower in honor of her approaching marriage to Ronald Kendall.

Birth: Michael Robin Inman.

Deaths: Guy Bates, Mrs. Olive W. Wood, Melvin K. Allen.

70 years ago: Canteen Center was established. Thirty volunteers were called for training in emergency feeding.

Deaths: Arthur G. Stearns, Eleanor Kennison.

80 years ago: Mr. and Mrs. Alton Luxton moved to live at Fred F. Bean's on the South Bethel road.

Deaths: Mrs. George King, George W. Briggs, Mrs. Alice Bean Jordan, Mrs. Paulina Enman, Mrs. Lois Thurston.

90 years ago: Mike Naimay was removing the building he recently purchased on Main Street preparatory to erecting a new building.

100 years ago: Alonzo Chapman left Bethel to take charge of Daniel S. Hastings' wheat ranch in Montana.

Death: Moses Coburn.

110 years ago: H. F. Webb Co. purchased an extensive supply of the most modern machinery for Bethel Corn Factory.

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Letters

4-H CLEAN-UP DAY THANKS

To the Editor:

On Sunday, we held our annual clean-up day at Bryant Pond 4H Camp. This year we were graced with beautifully cool weather, no black flies, and many hands to help with our camp chores in preparation of the spring and summer season. Staff, families, and volunteers all joined in the effort, and we accomplished many tasks including making benches, raking, cutting firewood, gardening, setting up wall tents, and other various chores. We'd like to offer a special thank you to Pat Roma, Michael Stevens, Scott Hynek, Carolyn Lamb, Rob and Kim Lauro, as well as all of our Bryant Pond staff and their families for their help in making this a success. We'd also like to thank Dave Friday of Earth Designs for not only donating his time, but the use of his Bobcat and power equipment. This allowed us to get a great deal of work done in a short amount of time.

Ron Fournier

Assistant Program Director, Bryant Pond 4-H Camp

LOOK FURTHER ON LYME

To the Editor:

I understand your need as journalists to look at all sides of the story.

It's too bad, though, that you didn't look further than the CDC for expert information about Lyme Disease. Sadly, that info is based on outdated and often inadequately supported opinion. The International Lyme and Tick-borne Disease Society has solid data showing otherwise. I hope you take a look: www.ilads.com

I am living proof that chronic Lyme does respond to long-term aggressive treatment.

I had been progressively ill for 18 years, and had become housebound, sometimes bed bound. I lived with and was cared for by one of my daughters, and by friends. If I'd been treated following the CDC and Infectious Disease Society "guidelines," I suspect I would not have survived; my body was shutting down. I wouldn't give up, and with help, found a doctor who was knowledgeable about Lyme Disease.

He diagnosed me not only with Lyme, but with two other tick-borne diseases. I responded well to the treatment, did not experience unmanageable side effects, and am currently living a full life, though it has taken me a long time to get here.

I know many, many others who also regained their lives, went back to work, participate in their communities and families again, and reclaimed their lives.

"Lingering symptoms" do respond to long-term antibiotics. The CDC is wrong, and their claims are a disservice to the public they are supposed to serve. Rhonda Buker and Diane Farnum are right. I hope their forum is well attended, and that both doctors and the people of their towns pay attention.

I, like Rhonda and Diane, and so many others, have also turned into an advocate both for people with Lyme, and an educator for those who have not yet learned what Lyme can do to their lives. We don't want other people to go through what we've had to.

Dayle Ann Stratton, Brandon, Vt.
Founder and member of Coordinating Committee,
Vermont Lyme Network

West Paris Old Home Days, June 1&2

West Paris Old Home Days will be held **June 1 thru June 2, 2012** and the 2012 theme is "Re-discover West Paris: The Gem of Western Maine."

Old Home Days is a two-day town fair celebrating small town life with fireworks, a parade, live music, Alumni Day, delicious food and Historical Society programs.

Little Castle Library hosts a book signing of "Feldspar, Families and Feuds," the picture and storybook chronicling the different experiences in open pit mining by several of the regions mining families.

The charming village was once the center of the world feldspar trade.

The program will be presented by the books' contributing authors Jan Brownstein of Albany and John Davis of South Paris. Also at the West Paris Library is the first retrospective exhibit of West Paris resident and graphic artist Sheridan "Mac" McLaughlin.

Visitors can operate a mining sluice and find semi-precious gems from Mt. Mica like the state stone, tourmaline, and have it set in jewelry on site. Mine tours are available for a fee to Mt. Mica, Sunday, June 3. Climb a rock wall or dare to trapeze. Teens are encouraged to volunteer, help, plan and attend. Music performances will feature Peter Allen and Hurricane Mountain and Monsta. Justus2 will perform Saturday afternoon, as part of the Mission Congregational Church Celebration of their new look. Refreshments will be served. View the outstanding stained glass in our local churches. Check out Beth and Jim Chaffee's Toy Train display with train safety information provided by the St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad that travels through West Paris. A horseshoe pit will be active. New this year is the first annual He-Man Competition (women also invited to compete.)

The official start to the weekend will be at 5 p.m. Friday when musician Jim Bennett, dressed in Civil War attire, hosts the flag ceremony and leads a sing-along of patriotic tunes.

The parade begins at 11 a.m. Saturday with long-time resident Bertha DeHaas as Grand Marshal. Other events will be a performance by Jaci Jazzettes, a Chicken Bar-b-que Luncheon to benefit the West Paris Fire Department and Auxiliary.

The West Paris Historical Society on Maine Street and the Finnish American Society on Maple Street will be open. A "Magic Show by Markus & Angelique Steelgrave" will be presented.

The Mollycodd Sportsman's Club, which builds and maintains area snowmobile trails, will sell breakfast Saturday and serve burgers, hot dogs and fries both days. Come meet old friends and make new ones.

Real estate agents with listings in the village are invited to hold open house this weekend.

Discover or re-discover a great place to live and play.

Volunteers are still needed to help. Parade participants should contact vpoland@megalink.net or jacijazzettes@hotmail.com for vendor opportunities.

For more info contact westparispr@gmail.com or see the town's website www.westparisme.com or Facebook page or call 674-2001.

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ensure potential F-35 operations are accounted for in the NEPA process for this proposed action."

"I am fighter. Hear me roar."

Tom Matzuka of Strong, a retired Air Force colonel, is spokesman for Western Maine Matters; a group formed by concerned citizens in 2007 in response to an EIS submitted to the FAA by the Massachusetts Air National Guard, which wanted to lower Condor's training floor from 7,000 to 500 feet. MOA

Matzuka accused the Air Force of misleading the public about its intentions for Condor and the F-35.

He said that at public hearings on the Condor EIS, the Air Force, when asked about the F-35 flying here, repeatedly assured the public that it would not.

"Whenever we raised our concern we were told multiple times that this would not happen and specifically that the F-35's would not fly into Maine," he said. "It's classic: 'At this time we have no intention of doing that.' And then they drop this bomb."

Matzuka notes that western Maine is not the first place where residents have faced the prospect of the loud fighter flying low overhead.

He cited Valparaiso, Fla. (which is located close to the end of one of Elgin Air Force Base's two major runways and faced far more overflights than the Air Force is publicly projecting for western Maine).

As is the case here, residents were of mixed opinions about F-35 noise.

"Valparaiso is a military town," Marzuka said. "Has been for 50 years. But they took the Air

Force to court because the Air Force was fudging their noise data.

The following excerpt is from a 2009 report by National Public Radio. (Note: A-10s are older ground-support fighters that fly at very low altitudes.)

Air Force data suggest that, depending on altitude, the F-35 is three to 12 times louder than the A-10 attack aircraft. For some, it's the sound of freedom.

"This is our nation's defense," says Bruce Dusenberry, a member of the DM-50, a civic group that promotes the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, Ariz. "This is the security of our freedoms. So that's equally important that we support our military for those reasons."

The group says it supports any new mission the Air Force plans in Tucson because of the importance to the local economy.

But some residents hear a different tune.

"If they love the sound of freedom so much, I'll be happy to sell them my house," says Gail Cordy, who sits on a community relations committee set up to work with the military over noise issues.

Each day, dozens of A-10's fly over Cordy's home in midtown. She figures that about half her neighbors oppose louder flights, but are afraid to speak out.

"They don't want to be seen as unpatriotic," she says. "And that label has been leveled at us more than once."

It's a sticky issue for any community leader.

"We'd be proud to be known as Fighter Town USA," says John Arnold, mayor of Valparaiso, Fla. The city is next to Eglin Air Force Base, another candidate for the F-35s.

Yet, Valparaiso is suing

the Air Force over noise from the aircraft. The lawsuit claims the Air Force didn't adequately disclose its noise measurements in its environmental impact statement.

"We just take exception to the final [environmental impact statement], which put lots of noise over the city of Valparaiso," he says. According to Air Force data, he continues, the noise would make the city almost uninhabitable. ... The military could also sound-proof homes under flight paths. But that won't help if you're in your backyard having a barbecue — which people in Arizona and Florida do a lot.

The lawsuit was eventually settled, with the Air Force agreeing to provide a thorough EIS and to schedule fewer take offs and landings from the runway near the city.

On the matter of F-35 noise levels, Matzuka said some of the comparisons that have appeared in print might serve to make residents under the proposed flights more comfortable, but in fact border on the absurd.

He cited one recent article in which the F-35's noise level was compared to the humming of a refrigerator.

"Sure it's only as loud as a refrigerator," the retired colonial, with 4,000 flight hours said, "if you're on one side of the Mahoosuc Range and it's on the other."

"I am Fighter. Hear me Roar." was the headline of a 2009 article in the Australian "Defense Industry Daily." Much more F-35 information and debate can be found online.

Interested readers might find this link of interest: www.youtube.com/watch?v=27qdB1D0s9M.

Museum

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Director Gena Schwam outside the two buildings on Main Street in Bethel that will house the Maine Mineral and Gem Museum. (Photo: A. Aloisio)

that is the largest and finest cut from "The Rose of Maine," discovered in Buckfield in 1989; a 106-carat tourmaline gemstone, one of the largest from a Dunton Mine find in Newry; and a 6.4-pound tourmaline crystal from the Dunton Mine.

Many gems had been hidden away in storage for many years. Acquisitions have come from such sources as Harvard University and the American Museum of Natural History.

Perham collection
A collection that has been added more recently bears a name familiar to many area residents: Perham. The acquisition follows the closing three years ago of Perham's Maine Mineral Store at Trap Corner in West Paris.

"We should be able to put much of the collection on display," said Schwam. The museum displays will also include biographical information about the collectors.

In addition, exhibits will feature mining operations and the gem-cutting process.

"How does a gem go from being a rock to being a cut gem? We will answer that question," said Schwam. The answer will likely include a cross-section dis-

play of a mine, she said.

While most exhibits will feature Maine gems, one will include rocks "collected" from very far away.

"We have several meteorites," said Schwam. The working plan calls for a large meteorite, "coming through the sky in a fiery ball," she said. "It's pretty dramatic."

To create the museum exhibits, MMGM recently chose the Paulus Design Group, Inc. of Bath and Washington, D.C.

The Paulus Group has worked for clients that include the Smithsonian Institution, the Oklahoma City National Memorial Museum and Mercedes-Benz Visitor Center in Tuscaloosa, Ala., according to a recent press release from the museum.

"We are thrilled to be working with a world-class design firm with the level of expertise that the Paulus Design Group brings to the museum," said Schwam. The MMGM designs will be developed in consultation with a collection of scholars, including miners, geologists, historians who have documented the miners' minerals and Maine's stories, and educators who will develop curriculum materials for visiting students and fam-

ilies, the release said.

Visual concepts will be previewed with the museum's constituencies this spring and summer at local meetings. Paulus will guide the exhibit development, construction and installation of the museum.

Architectural planning is being done by Jim Reuter of Smith Reuter Lull Architects.

The project is expected to come before the Bethel Planning Board within the next month, said Schwam.

As the planning progresses, the museum will ramp up its marketing efforts.

"We're working on a website now," Schwam said. For the immediate future, people interested in the progress can follow developments on the museum's Facebook page.

Schwam said she has heard from many local businesspeople who hope the museum will provide an economic boost to the area, as tourists and serious gemologists alike come to Bethel to view the displays or do research.

"They keep asking us when we're going to open," she said. "We tell them, 'It's going to be worth the wait. We're working with the entire team on a plan that will blow everyone away.'"

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ties, bottle caps, plastic bags, that's about it."

Berry also accused Corey-Whitman of trespassing by entering the building last winter without permission or without a warrant.

Corey-Whitman said she had called Town Manager Vern Maxfield after going to the property and finding the door open.

"We went in for two reasons," she said. "The door's wide open. I didn't know if anyone was in there. There's plenty of folks right now desperate, to steal copper, to steal oil. They take the copper right off an oil line. Ask the fire chief what happened to a house right here in Woodstock. Gallons - DEP clean-up of oil. It was horrible."

"We went in there to protect our citizens. It wasn't done maliciously. It wasn't done to drag your name through the mud. It was done to protect the property," she said.

Added Fire Chief Jeff Inman, "Broken windows and open doors are, life-safety issues."

Corey-Whitman said she had tried to call Berry's mother about the situation, but that legally she was required to contact the true owner.

Selectman Ron Deegan backed the CEO up. "We go to the landowner, and that's how the system works. You're not the landowner."

Selectman Rick Young said the ordinance process had been underway "for

over a year now. You've got neighbors over there who didn't appreciate bottles and trash blowing into their yards. That was the original complaint that was brought to us, when it was a redemption center and it was the debris blowing from over there."

Berry reiterated that the property has looked better than it did when her grandfather bought it a couple of years ago.

"I've been told by numerous people that things are disappearing, things are being taken out," she said.

Corey-Whitman said that a recent inspection she did at the property showed that "it's being worked on. The inside looks completely different than from when Vern and I found the door open."

She said the outside also looks better. "Progress has been made. It's not complete yet. The yard needs to be finished."

She said a large wooden box had been used by other people as a place to dump trash, and the box should be dismantled to stop the practice.

The selectmen said Berry should coordinate with the CEO to come into complete compliance. They asked for a written, notarized document from John Berry authorizing Julie to take responsibility for the cleanup. "The owner needs to know what's happening, legally," said Deegan.

Corey-Whitman also updated the board on sev-

eral other properties she said are in violation of the ordinance, noting that in most cases progress is being made.

Billings Hill Road
Selectmen also had a lengthy discussion with residents of the Billings Hill Road.

A March town meeting article that asked if voters would approve opening the road to winter maintenance by the town was defeated. Selectmen had expressed concern about the difficulty and safety of plowing the steep sections of the narrow road. They said expensive work would be needed first to improve the road.

The road residents asked the board Tuesday if anything could be done to make plowing more acceptable. The residents said they had an offer from Andre's Construction of Bethel to do both winter and summer maintenance for \$6,000.

Andre Bernier said he had plowed the road for the last three years with a one-ton truck, and if he could get a three-year agreement with the town to do the road he would buy a sander for it.

He said some minor improvements have been made to the road, and by removing some areas of ledge it could be further improved at a minimal cost.

Bernier also said he wouldn't hesitate to plow the road with a full-sized plow truck.

The town has been wait-

ing for an opinion from its attorney about possible liability under the current practice of a private party plowing the town road. Selectmen also said the residents were aware of the status of the road when they purchased property or built there.

They asked the group to put their request/proposal in writing.

In Fire Department business, selectmen approved up to \$32,500 for the purchase of a 1993 International squad truck from the Cooperstown, N.Y. Fire Department. Fire Chief Jeff Inman said the truck has 15,000 miles on it. Voters approved \$50,000 funds for such a purchase at town meeting. "We'll be well within the budget," said Inman.

In other business, the board:

-decided to finish improvements to the Old County Road this year;

-appointed Bethel CEO Jeff Warden as an alternate to Corey-Whitman;

-appointed Brock Cozzolino, Lance Bean, Jeff Prentice, Nancy Cushman and Gary Williamson to the Recreation Committee;

-heard from Maxfield that under the current SAD 44 budget proposal, Woodstock's mill rate could go from a previously-estimated 12.07 to 11.72;

-noted that a new Spruce Mountain Wind College Scholarship offers \$5,000 to students of property owners in Woodstock or Milton.

G'wood

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Savings. Last year \$30,000 was set aside (for Building Reserve), and the selectmen are recommending the town do the same in the coming year. They are also recommending \$20,000 be set aside for repair of Johnny's Bridge, and \$35,000 be put in the Fire Department reserve account.

A more detailed breakdown of these figures is available at the town office. The breakdown is also available by email or fax (call 875-2773).

This year's town meeting will be held May 19, at the Jackson-Silver American Legion Hall, beginning at 9 a.m.

NEWS AND PHOTOS FROM CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

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The deadline for clubs and organizational items is noon Monday, but earlier submission is appreciated.

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News and photos can also be submitted by e-mail: news@bethelcitizen.com.

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Bethel

By NANCY BROWN



If you've been away for the winter, or are visiting Bethel for the first time this year, you will notice some changes around town. Two local restaurants have closed since last summer: Bethel's Best on Route 2 and Isabella's on Main Street. Erin's Café has now opened at the former Isabella's location at 63 Main Street. The café serves breakfast, lunch, and coffee from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Viewers Choice Video recently moved a few doors down to the corner of Vernon and Main streets. Bethel Self-Storage has opened at the

location of the former Blue Sky Storage on Route 26. They can be reached at 865-3659 and there is an office on site. If you follow The Citizen, you also know that the Sudbury Inn closed several weeks ago and an auction is scheduled for May 23. What you may not know is that the chalk board outside the Inn announces that the Suds Pub will reopen on May 17 for Hoot Night. Let's all show our support that night for the Pub.

There will be a benefit potluck for Marilyn Hamel at the Funky Red Barn on Sunday, May 6, from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Marilyn, who has worked as a Special Ed Tech at Crescent Park School, was recently diagnosed with cancer. Money raised at the potluck will help with

OCSD Bethel Patrol Log

Wednesday, April 25

At 1:12 a.m. Deputy Willie Nelson responded to Route 2 for a car-moose accident.

At 1:45 p.m. Cpl. Justin Brown responded to the Walkers Mills Road regarding a harassment complaint.

At 7:52 p.m. Cpl. Brian Landis responded to Railroad Street for a report of a gas drive off.

Thursday, April 26

At 12:58 p.m. on the Walkers Mills Road Deputy Dani Welch summoned Angela D. Smith, 32, for operating after suspension.

Friday, April 27

From 10:42 to 11:45 a.m. Capt. Hart Daley did background investigations at several locations for the town office.

At 2:05 p.m. on Parkway Deputy Willie Nelson summoned Joshua Bailey, 30, of Freeport for possession of a usable amount of marijuana.

At 3 p.m. Deputy Willie Nelson responded to Bailey Road for a report of a tree and wire across the road.

Sunday, April 29

At 8:39 p.m. Deputy Mike Halacy responded to Vernon Street for an unwanted subject complaint.

Monday, April 30

At 3:47 p.m. Deputy Dani Welch responded to the East Bethel Road for an unwanted subject complaint.

Oxford County Jail Log:

(Bethel region)

April 27, 11:20 p.m.: Richard J. Hayes, 60, of Woodstock, violation of bail conditions; by Cpl. Brian Landis in Woodstock.

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This is a reminder that the Bethel Senior Citizens Club will meet on Wednesday, May 9, at the West Bethel Grange Hall for its monthly meeting and luncheon. It will be a potluck luncheon and everyone is asked to bring a dish to share. The meeting will start at 11 a.m., followed by lunch.

If you have news you'd like to share, call me at 824-2483 or e-mail nancybrown1150@yahoo.com.

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ



Spring sure has sprung the lawns are turning green, trees are showing leaves and flowers are in bloom. All the waterfowl returned to North Pond a few weeks ago. The loons could be heard for the first time a week earlier than usual, on April 6. There seems to be a down side to everything, though. Be careful when you are out and about and take the proper precautions as I hear that the ticks are quite plentiful this year.

Butch and Ann Crockett, Judy and Dickie, just returned from a wonderful trip to Lancaster, Pa. They enjoyed a horse and buggy ride through Amish countryside and saw a production of Joana at Sight and Sound. Then they headed to Gettysburg and toward Hershey, where they took a tour. They came back through Vermont, where they also did some touring.

Lucy and Jack Nordahl are happy to be back and enjoying working in the garden. Like many along the Intervale Road and East Bethel Road, they, too, had lost power the other day. In some areas it was out for several hours.

Our sincere condolences to Linda Olson on the loss of her brother Richard. Her and Neil attended his funeral in Connecticut.

On the brighter side, Neil says to "beware, the Black Flies are out!" The team has a nice record of 9 wins and two losses so far. Go Black Flies!

Lynn and Roger Zimmerman attended a tracking workshop called "Keeping Track" presented by the Mahoussic Guide Service.

From Thursday till Sunday Arlene Harrington enjoyed a nice visit from her sister, Charmaine, and her friend, Carol.

Please, remember to call me at 824-3220 or e-mail han@megalink.net with news or questions.

Happy May!

Locke's Mills

By BETSEY FOSTER



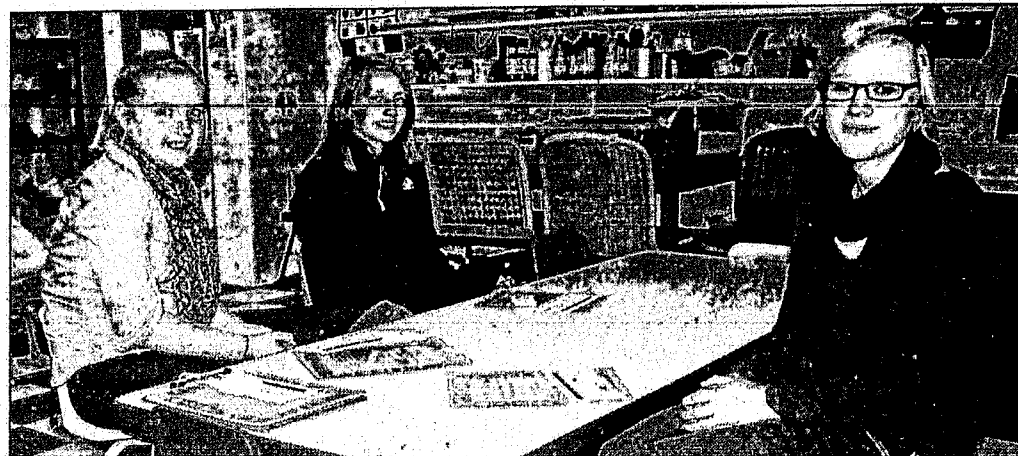
Johnny's bridge off the Gore Road and on North Pond is in rough shape. It

has been that way for a while and from time to time discussions have circulated about the future of the bridge. Take a look at the budget at this year's town meeting and you will see it on there again to the tune of \$20,000.

Years back it may have had some vehicular traffic. Nowadays it accesses the Newell home, but that has a driveway entrance direct to Route 26. The camps at the other end of this road are accessed from Route 26. So, why are we maintaining it for vehicular traffic?

It would make a very good foot-traffic bridge that would provide a safe fishing spot. It would be a safe place to take youngsters fishing. It would also continue to allow boat passage underneath.

I have heard a comment that the Route 26 entrance at the other end of this road is difficult. If it is a



BABYSITTERS CERTIFIED—Four area girls recently completed a two-week course in the Babysitting Internship Program at the Bethel Early Learning Center. Sixth-graders Caroline Finley and Beth Gibson, ninth-grader Chelsea Merrill and seventh-grader Claire Webster (absent from photo) learned skills including CPR, First Aid, diapering, formula preparation, bottle feeding and social and educational activities. They participated in the class every weekday for two weeks, for about three hours a day, under the direction of Jeffrae Alford, owner of BELC. "There's a real need for qualified babysitters," said Alford. "People are always calling me and asking for recommendations." The girls will also be qualified to work as mothers' helpers, assisting, for example, with other young children in the home after a mother has a new baby. Alford said she plans to offer the course again. For more information, contact her at 824-7592. (Photo: A. Aloisio)

problem, maybe we should have the state come fix it instead of keeping Johnny's bridge up to vehicular standards. A foot bridge would be a good asset for the town. It would also be much more affordable.

The future of Johnny's bridge needs to come back around for discussion and town meeting is just the place to do it. Come voice your opinion. It is your tax dollars.

Next winter's wood has arrived in my yard. Jeff Wells recently brought over a couple cords of beautiful hardwood that is waiting to be stacked. Every year I get it early so I can let it season for six months. Hopefully, between now and that time, I will get it stacked. Still clinging to a fantasy that it might magically stack itself but that hasn't happened yet. I'm going to wait a while longer and see if maybe this is the year the wood-stacking fairy will appear.

This Sunday, May 6, the Mahoussic Community Band is holding its spring concert at 4 p.m. at the Congregational Church in Bethel. Donations will be accepted, and refreshments are provided afterward. Lots of local musicians play with this group.

Our own Norm Millard has one of the leading roles in the upcoming Bethel Community Players dinner theater. Retired Bethel postmaster and

owner of Artistic Endeavors, Norm has been active with this group since it began. This year he is one of a number of murder suspects. Jim McLean, down the road on Lake Christopher, is the one who gets knocked off. Sorry, Jim, but someone had to play that role. Did Norm do it? Find out next weekend. The play, Murder at Ravenswood Manor, will be dinner-theater at the Bethel Inn, May 11 and 12. For \$29, you get a pre-dinner social, a buffet dinner, the play, and you get to guess who committed the murder. Call the Bethel Inn to make reservations. This is a fun event put on by members of our communities for the people in our communities.

Albany



Greetings from beautiful Albany, in the foothills of Western Maine. It has been darn right chilly here for the last two mornings. My beautiful Magnolia tree was completely destroyed by the frost. It looks rather terrible covered with brown instead of pink blooms. Oh well, it is only the end of April and I have seen many snowstorms at this time since I have lived here.

My son, Dan, and family visited me on Monday. Tristan is about six

two and a sophomore in high school. He is taking drivers ed. Look out world! Carter is in third grade and very much the character. We had dinner with the Doug Bennetts on Tuesday evening.

Jane Wardwell stopped by for a visit after church on Sunday. We had a nice chat.

Roger and Yvette Barton called on Franklin and Margaret Barton one day last week.

Have a good week everyone. I am off for one of my daily walks. The question is how far I will get today!

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



The weather has turned cold and windy again, so it is not much fun to sit out in the swing. There are not many birds around either. The little chipmunk is still busy gathering seeds. Maybe he saw the snowflakes on Friday and thinks that winter has returned.

My brother, Steve McLain, was at the house Saturday and gave Hugh a hand loading some big items that were going to the Transfer Station.

Mary Tyler entered a poetry contest recently and has had a poem published. The book that the poem is in is titled, "Stars in Our Hearts" published by the

World Poetry Movement. Congratulations on the poem, "The Battle."

On Thursday, April 26, Lise McLain, along with her friend Dottie LaFortune of Biddeford, attended the Maine Heritage Policy Center's (a conservative think tank organization) meeting in Portland to discuss the Maine income tax.

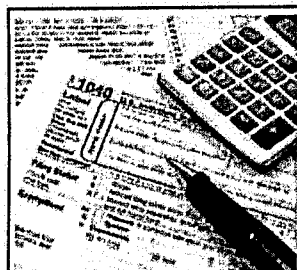
Lise McLain, who is a thoroughbred horse racing fan, is preparing for the upcoming Kentucky Derby on May 5. Since she is a jewelry designer, she made a blue and white porcelain necklace with a silver medal horse pendant, which includes some small diamonds on it, that her sister, Diane Bean, sent her from Oregon. She has already selected her blue dress, and is currently decorating her blue Kentucky Derby handmade hat that her sister, Diane Bean, made and sent to her. Photos will be taken with her dogs, Isis, Demeter, and George and sent to Diane. A Derby homemade dinner is planned with friends plus the purchasing of Derby betting tickets on certain favorite Derby horses, and they will watch the Derby races on NBC. Her favorite Derby horses right now are Union Rags, Hansen, Gemologist, Daddy Long Legs, and Bodemeister, and she doesn't really care who wins as long as she has fun with her friends and dogs. Lise's husband is not a horse racing fan so he is not included in the festivities.

Gilead Historical Society

The GHS is making plans to use the grant money that was recently received from The Presumptscot Foundation, which in turn received the funds from Maine Community Foundation. The Maine Community Foundation partners with donors and nonprofits to strengthen Maine communities. For more information visit: www.maineccf.org or call 1-877-700-6800. These grant funds will be used for the renovation of the Gilead Railroad Station.

There is a meeting of the GHS this Saturday, May 5, at the Town Hall at 1 p.m.

Plans for Friends and Family Day on June 23



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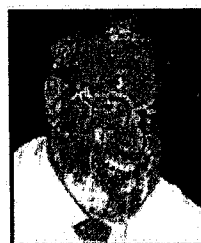
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will be finalized. Since the renovations of the schoolhouse are centering around the 1950s, that will be the theme this year. There will be more next week on what was decided at this meeting.

Planning Board
The PB will meet on May 3 (tonight) at the Town Office at 7 p.m. Anyone interested in serving on the PB should let the PB or the Selectmen know. Call the office and leave a message at 836-2115.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapinal@hotmail.com

Newry

By SENECA CORRIVEAU



April showers are supposed to bring May flowers, but not snow. We received a blanket of snow here one day last week. It covered the ground in a moderate layer, enveloping my flower garden within its icy grip.

I was crushed after having waited so long to see the emergence of all those lovely green shoots of new life. By my second round of coffee I was greatly relieved to see that, amazingly enough, all of the "Poor Man's Fertilizer" had melted away, phew! From my kitchen window it looked as though my tender greens held very little hope of recovering from such a bitter, shocking cold.

I waited until the next day before investigating the gardens too closely, and was so very pleased with the results. Many of what I considered to be delicate plants had withstood and held their own through the snow the Bleeding hearts, Dianthus and the Pinks. I cannot say the same on the large patch of Calendula and the Lilacs.

The center of the Calendula froze, shriveled and faded to brown as did nearly every leaf of my poor Double white lilacs. These lilacs have had quite a rough life. Having been uprooted and moved three different times since coming to live here and, as of yet, they still have not

bloomed. It appears that this may not be their year either.

The kiddos and I have been enjoying the wildlife as seen along the "Newry Road." It is moose-watching season, non Sunday-Drivers beware! The flow of much of our traffic has slowed to accommodate and enjoy the sight of these massive and winter-manged moose.

They have come down from the mountains and out of the woodwork to slurp up the nutrient-rich goodness found growing in the many roadside bogs that sprawl along much of our section of Route 26 and northward.

Once we hear the peepers, the kids start asking, "Mumma, can we go see the moose?" This is a tradition carried down since at least my youth. After dinner, jammies donned and eyes peeled, we venture through the Park (Grafton Notch) and beyond, eager to retell an often exaggerated count of moose seen on our ride (similar to "Fisherman tales.")

We've gone up into the park once so far and we got skunked not the stinky real thing but merely that we did not see any moose. The hot spot this week is the bog on the main road side of the Wheeler Road. The young bull that hangs there is noted to enjoy a mid-afternoon snack as well as his dinner fare in the evening.

We were even blessed to observe the morning hunt of a fox. It was pounding and springing after field mice or voles or some other furry little creature. Watching that fox was a first for me and the event brought Benny and I great joy and even a chuckle or two.

It was really quite comical to watch the fox bounding about, especially if one is equipped with a wild imagination and having watched "The Adventures of Milo and Otis," well, one could guess at the made-up dialogue.

Life is too wonderful to watch with blinders on. So bring on the May flowers so that we may take the time to stop and smell them.

Andover

By JANE RICH



The Birthday Supper was well attended on Saturday evening. The excellent turkey dinner was provided by Dick Merrill and his kitchen crew. Waitress duties and clean-up were provided by several high school students. Thanks to all the workers and patrons for a great event.

There will be a special Mother's Day service at the First Congregational Church on May 13. The Possibilities group invites you to honor all mothers, living and passed. They will be lighting candles, sharing sentiments and giving flowers to all who join in the Mother's Day celebration. See you on Mother's Day!

Listen for the ringing of the church bell. It's the bell rung 10 minutes before the start of our weekly service as an audible invitation to join us. It's not only an honor but fun for the young folks in our congregation to ring the bell. They sit on the belfry stairs waiting excitedly for their turn.

For many years Pussy Willows and Mayflowers have mysteriously appeared at the doors of many local residents. This custom was begun by Otis Morton and has been carried on by his children. What a great way to remember a parent, and what pleasure it gives the recipients!

The Andover Olde Home Day Committee will meet Monday, May 7, 7 p.m. at the home of Vickie and Marshall Meisner. The main topic of consideration is a theme for the 2012 yearly celebration and the selection of what will appear on the buttons and t-shirts. If you're interested in helping with Olde Home Day activities, please come to the meeting. The committee can always use more help and new ideas are welcome.

Those of us of a certain age, remember with great fondness Vacation Bible School during summer recess. This year our young

people will have two opportunities to learn something about the Bible and enjoy other activities. The Calvary Bible Church will have their program the week of June 25 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Meanwhile The First Congregational Church has scheduled a three-day VBS on June 18, 19, 20 at the Christian Education Building from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon. The theme for their program will be God in Creation. The leader is Carolyn Merrill. Pastor Jane Rich will be leading part of the program.

Friends of Polly and Dick Johnston will be pleased to know they will be leaving Seattle on July 19 for their annual pilgrimage to Maine. They will be staying at Roxbury Pond and visiting relatives and friends in the area.

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



The Ladies Aid have changed the time and date for their "Annual Tea." It will be held Friday, May 11, 10 a.m. in the Ladies Aid building. This is sign-up time for their members, old and new. Only two more weeks to get Sunday breakfast at the Ladies Aid this spring.

The Historical Society trip to Forest Lodge for outside cleanup is set for Saturday, May 5, at 9 a.m. They will meet at the Upton House and carpool from there. The society's next meeting will be Sunday, May 20, at 1 p.m. in the school.

The State Line Snowmobile Club is scheduled to meet Sunday, May 6, at 9 a.m. in the Upton House.

Letter "B" Notch Riders A.T.V. Club will meet Sunday, May 6, at 10 a.m. in the Upton House. They hope to have membership applications available at that time.

The next Selectmen meeting will be Tuesday, May 8.

The Planning Board will meet May 11 for a workshop. Their next regular meeting is set for May 25.

I was not correct in thinking that this year's ice out in Umbagog, April 13, is a record for earliest ice out. Jim and Evelyn Kenney e-mailed me to tell me that ice out was April 7 in 2010. Mary Davis called to let me know that according to an article in the Lewiston Sun in 1992, the earliest recorded ice out before that year was April 10 in 1921. Thanks for the answers.

Twenty-one people attended the A.T.V. Club start-up meeting. They elected officers, elected some board members, chose a name, appointed two people as co-trailmasters, appointed two committees, and discussed potential trails. Thank you everyone and special thanks to Mike and Wanda Worthley, Scott Rineer, and Brian Milligan.

The Back Street news: Neil, Krys and Jes stayed the weekend with Penny and I. Bobby Thompson came up to his camp for the weekend, and Chris Connolly came up to his. Annie Laughton and her son, Arthur Bernier visited Laurie and Bob Brown on Saturday.

Call me at 533-2010 or e-mail me at backstjoe@gmail.com with your news.

Hanover

By CLEM WORCESTER



Last week we told about several upcoming events for Rumford Grange 115, and this week we get to remind you that it is time to plan to participate.

On Saturday, May 5, Rumford Grange will host a free seed day at the Rumford Center Grange Hall. Seed companies have

donated a good supply of garden seeds and anyone can look through them and pick out the seeds they like. The event will go from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturday.

On Sunday, May 6, Rumford Grange 115 will put on a baked ham dinner between noon and 1:30 p.m. Along with the ham will be potatoes, vegetables, rolls, homemade pies, coffee and other drinks. Adults will pay \$8 while those under 12 years of age pay \$3.50.

The Morse homestead was demolished in April and the site was cleaned up last week with wooden parts burned during the rainstorm and other pieces hauled away for disposal.

High winds last weekend were reminiscent of some of the windstorms last year although not nearly so damaging. Even so, some lost power when trees crossed power lines. We have heard reports of other trees that fell onto houses or motor vehicles.

The annual convention of the Knights of Pythias of Maine was last week from Thursday through Saturday in Ellsworth. Entertainment at Thursday evening's Fun Night was local musician Barry Woods. A special feature was an award dedicated to a deserving Pythian. Local members Michael Bennett from Milton Township and Freeman Farrington from East Andover along with Bangor resident Carl Young wrote the impressive ceremony. The award was presented to Ernie Rice from Millbridge at the Friday banquet. The incoming Grand Chancellor is Harry Spencer from Otis and the new Grand Chief is Colleen Stanley from Gouldsboro. Others from our area attending were

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Betty Davis, Marie Dyke and I enjoyed some time together last Thursday; we all gathered at Denny's in Auburn for lunch and then we joined the band members so as to entertain the residents for the afternoon.

Birthday wishes are going out to Maxine Libby, Carol Marie Stubbs Owen, Donna Palmer, Craig Moore, Lorri Wilson, Melvin Young, Becky Pelletier, Norm D., Glendon H., and to those who are celebrating your birthdays in May.

Get well wishes to those who have not been feeling up to par these days. Our prayers are with you for a very speedy recovery.

Down East Country Music Association will be holding their membership meeting on Sunday, May 6, at the Silver Spur in Mechanic Falls at 12 noon. Election of officers for the 2012-2013 year will be held. For more info, contact Jackie (793-8884).

Well, dear readers that's all from the valley this week.

Have a great weekend and enjoy the great spring weather.

Quote of the week: "It is never too late to admit you were wrong and to fess up to the real truth."

Republicans to meet

The Oxford County Republican Committee cordially invites all Republicans from Oxford County and beyond to our May 15 meeting scheduled to start at 6 p.m. at the Advent Evangelical Church, Route 26, Oxford. The schedule calls for a business meeting to be held which will be preceded by a delicious lasagna dinner prepared and served by The Hannibal Hamlin Women's Republican Club at the minimal cost of \$8 per person paid for at the door. In addition, the winner of the first Oxford County Young Republican Scholarship award will be presented to the recipient with his family present; it will be an honor and a tribute to the recipient to have many witness this historic event!

The committee appointed to evaluate the applications for this prestigious award has been hard at work undertaking the reviewing process. About two dozen applications were received by the April 13 deadline every one of which was outstanding. All applicants were evaluated on the following: non-academic high school achievements; high school level of activity involvement; level of community involvement; areas of leadership responsibilities; high school academic

performance; indications of Republican values; future public service involvement; letters of support. The first recipient of this scholarship should feel rightly proud of his accomplishments as, to the best of our knowledge, the Oxford County Republican Committee is the only politically oriented organization in the state of Maine that offers a scholarship. Congratulations are most certainly in order!

Scheduled to be on the agenda is the election of a new Chairman of the Committee; Steve Merrill has resigned that position to devote all of his free time to his re-election as Commissioner of Oxford County. Steve has served in many positions within the county and state Republican organization and his wisdom, leadership skills and unending tenacity to work for responsible government will be a great loss. The election of the new chairman will be by the full County Committee so it is urged that as many Oxford County Republicans as possible attend.

The meeting will also talk about the scheduling of several summer events. It is the intention of the committee to have at these to-be-announced meetings as many local candidates as possible to express their views on matters of local interest; this is being done in order that we may be as informed as possible before the Nov. 6

general election. We will also be discussing the Republican forum to take place at the Franco-American Centre, Lewiston, on May 16, the following evening. This forum is due to start at 7 p.m.; a "meet and greet" with refreshments and a cash bar beforehand on the lower level will begin at 6. This will be an excellent opportunity for all area Republicans to hear what the six candidates seeking to be elected to the Congressional seat of retiring Senator Olympia Snowe have to say about their positions on important issues of the day. A review of discussions at the Maine Republican State Convention in Augusta May 5-6 will also be on the agenda.

Please feel free to contact Tom Curtis (744-9248) for additional information.

Democrats plan forum

The Oxford County Democrats will hold a Candidates Forum for the contenders for the Democratic nomination for U.S. Senate on Thursday, May 10, in South Paris.

The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. with light refreshments and social time at the Western Maine University and Community College Center on Main Street.

The Forum program will begin at 7 p.m.

Confirmed candidates are former Secretary of State Matt Dunlap, State Senator Cynthia Dill, State Rep. Jon Hinck, and Ben Pollard. Local legislative and county candidates will also be in attendance.

BHS 2012 history internship

The Bethel Historical Society is pleased to announce that, thanks to generous financial support from BHS life member Michael Swift Stowell of Flagler Beach, Fla., it will again sponsor an eight-week High School History Internship for qualified students in grades 9 through 12 at Gould Academy and Telstar Regional High School.

Applicants should be between 14 and 18 years of age, possess a strong interest in learning about local and regional history, and be highly motivated, honest and reliable.

A group of retired educators will review all applications for this summer position, select candidates to be interviewed, and make recommendations to the society's executive director.

Applications must be received at the society's office at 10 Broad Street by 4 p.m. Friday, May 25, 2012.

A decision on the successful applicant will be made by Friday, June 15, with the internship beginning on July 1 and continuing through late August.

The society's History Internship provides a stipend of \$1,000 which is paid in two installments. The successful applicant may be involved in museum tours, special event planning, oral history projects, collections management, exhibit preparation, and other museum-related activities with highly qualified professionals and volunteers.

Applications for this special summer program are available at each school, at the society's main office (10 Broad Street, Bethel; 824-2908) and on the society's website (www.bethelhistorical.org).

Founded in 1966, the Bethel Historical Society is western Maine's largest and most comprehensive historical agency. With over 1,000 members, the society fosters a sense of place, with a focus on western Maine and the White Mountain region, by collecting, preserving, displaying and interpreting historically significant artifacts and documents for residents, visitors, students, and scholars. Through its exhibits, programs, events, and publications, the society makes the region's history meaningful, accessible, and enjoyable.

Sports

High School Varsity Softball

Mt. Abram 10, Telstar 5; April 30-Telstar jumped out to a 5-1 lead but could not hold off the Roadrunners as the host team scored 9 unanswered runs. Jessica Dirago pitched well, giving up 6 hits, striking out 13 batters and only walking three. Taylor Savage and Rachael Wheeler led the offense with 2 hits each; Gabi Stone scored two runs for the Rebels. - Coach Jim Lunney

Telstar 6, Wiscasset 4; April 25-Telstar won their season opener over Wiscasset. Winning pitcher Jessica Dirago allowed 6 hits and struck out 8. Kallie Brown, Maisey Griffin and Savanna Patenaude each had two hits for the Rebels. In the decisive 7th inning, Kallie Brown led off with a single and was moved to 2nd on Tasha Farnum's single. Centerfielder Rachael Wheeler was hit by a pitch to load the bases, and Maisey Griffin's single drove in two runs to put the Rebels up by a run. Gabi Stone added an RBI fielder's choice to plate Wheeler for a 6-4 lead. 3rd baseman Gabi Stone also snared a line drive with the bases loaded in the bottom of the 6th inning to keep the Rebels down only one run. The team played well over all. - Coach Jim Lunney

High School Varsity Baseball

Gould 10, Hebron 0; April 28-Gould's Jeb Clarke pitched 5 innings, scattering 2 hits, and struck out 6 enroute to the 10-0 win. Jeb also had 3 hits, including 2 triples. D.J. Sudbay also helped lead the attack with three hits and scoring three times. Also getting hits were Sawyer Harkins, with a game-ending single to plate the 10th run, Jackson Keogh and Alec Manning. The team

looked sharp in the field and Cody Bullen made a nice play on a steal attempt in the 5th inning.

Gould 7, Kents Hill 4; April 25- Gould opened its MAISAD league schedule with a come-from-behind victory. Spencer Couch had the victory on the mound pitching 6 strong innings and giving up only 1 earned run. Cody Bullen and Jeb Clarke combined for the save pitching the 7th inning. In the 5th inning Spencer had a 2 RBI triple to jump start the offense. He then scored on a rbi single by Shane Love. In the 6th inning Jules Arsenault singled (the first of two on the day) DJ Sudbay walked, and Alec Manning (3-5) drove them in with a 2-RBI single. The big blast of the game was then delivered by Jeb Clarke, who hit a monster homerun.

Wiscasset 2, Telstar 1; April 25-Telstar opened the regular season with a 2-1 loss at Wiscasset. Kyle Peterson pitched a good game for Telstar, allowing just 4 hits and 1 walk while striking out 5. The Rebel bats were silent as Dan Whitney and Kurt Morgan collected the only 2 Rebel hits. Drew Wilson made an outstanding diving catch in right field to save one run.

High School J.V. Baseball

Telstar 14, Wiscasset 4; April 26 - Telstar was led by strong pitching from Logan Bartlett. Logan went 4 innings allowing only 1 run and 1 hit while recording 7 strikeouts. Zack Mills led the offense with 3 hits. - Coach John Eliot

Road Cycling

April 25-Gould opened its season at Holderness. The

girls' team carried the day with a fourth-place finish by captain Abby Turner in the girls' A race, followed closely by Molly Siegel in fifth, and Hailey Sarausky in eighth. They were the highest scoring team in the league. In the girls' C race (there is no B bracket) Melissa Seib finished first overall, and Rose Goldberg finished twelfth and Isabelle Deluca finished 27th in a field that started out with over 30 riders. On the boys' side there were also some great results. In the boys' A race, George Merrill finished tenth and Robbie Leeson finished 20th. In the boys' B race, Steven Dexter finished fifth and Marcello Deluca finished 15th. In the boys' C race, Evan Landon finished 13th, Kyler Walker 23rd, Max Southam 30th, and Will Havens 31st in a fast and furious race.

TMS J.V. Baseball

Telstar 11, Buckfield 1; April 26- Telstar's Marcus Wentworth pitched the whole game with 13 strikeouts with Buckfield only getting one hit. Russel Cushman, Josh Eliot, Schuyler Leff, Colton Carson, Brett Hastings, Boston Ludden, and Caleb Merrill all had singles. Marcus also helped his team by going 3-3 with two singles and a double. - Coach Tim O'Connor

TMS JV. Softball

Spruce Mt. Play Day, April 28-Telstar won 2 of the 3 games. They beat Spruce Mt. 11-5, Dirago 19-8, lost to Mt. Valley 8-7. All the girls played very well. A highlight of the day was Shelby Cowin hitting a grand slam. -Coach Linda Cozzolino

Telstar High School Spring Sports Teams

Varsity Softball

Telstar softball has three returning seniors: Lyndsay Merrill, Kallie Brown and Tasha Farnum. All were starters on last year's State Championship team. The team was dealt a tough blow during the first scrimmage when Lyndsay went down with a ACL tear - lost for the season. Lyndsay is the leading hitter on the team and an outstanding fielder.

Her loss will be tough to overcome. Kallie will be starting at second base and Tasha will be in rightfield for the third straight year - good experience at these two positions. All others will be manned by newcomers. Juniors Rachael Wheeler and Taylor Savage will be in centerfield and left field respectively. Both are good defensive players and both will be counted on helping lead the offense. Pitching will be handled by sophomore Jessica Dirago, a JV player last year, but she has shown good promise early in the season. Her arm could go a long way to keeping the Rebels competitive. Maisey Griffin, Savanna Patenaude and Autumn Morin will key roles in the infield and freshman Gabi Stone, 3rd base / outfield, and McCaella Prentice and Sadie Ellsworth sharing the catching duties round out the starting team. Gabi Conrad (junior), Corey Coolidge-Chase (junior) and freshman Ellie Conrad will give the Rebels depth. Freshman Annie Cushman and Jen Wakefield are also available to help the varsity team. The team hopes to become competitive as the season progresses. The Rebels lost

6 starters to graduation, one moved to Oxford Hills and the loss of Lyndsay Merrill will tax this young team early on. - Coach Jim Lunney

Varsity Baseball

The Telstar lineup includes: seniors Kyle Peterson (pitcher, utility), Corey Howard (first base, pitcher), Tyler Brown (second base, pitcher), Dan Whitney (shortstop, pitcher), Devin Vail (third base), Casey Thornton (left field), Drew Wilson (right field, pitcher); juniors Nick Mills (center field, pitcher), Kurt Morgan (catcher, pitcher), Ricky James (infield), Colton Davis (outfield); sophomores Zach Mills (catcher), Logan Bartlett (pitcher). "An experienced, senior-laden team, we have high expectations for the season," said Coach Bob Remington. "The goal of a State Class C Championship is a real possibility, but they are going to have to get by some very talented opponents." - Coach Bob Remington

Track and Field (roster)

Seniors: Katie Blaszcak (sprints); Cody Boivin (sprints, triple jump), Matt Bolen (sprints, triple jump), Cecille Ellefsen (distance), Tim Jewell (throws), Matthew Keane (distance), Casey Kelner (distance), Ben Lewis (distance), James Lowell (distance), Adam Mahar (racewalk), Carson McKay (distance), Juniors: Henry Brooks (distance), Bronson Dean (distance, triple

jump), Adam Literak (sprints), Will Lyman (throws), RayAnne Morin (distance), Jenna Putnam (distance), Avery Rossow (sprints, jumps - Gould Academy), Julius Utz (racewalk), Sophomores: Hali Barter (distance), Casey Blaszcak (distance), Alyssa Brands (distance), Nik Conrad (distance), Dylan Helms (sprints, javelin), Josef Holt (distance), Gabby Monzo (sprints, long jump), Emileigh Parsons (sprints, hurdles), Austin Ryerson (distance), Jared Vermette (sprints). Freshmen: Michael Dougherty (sprints, jumps), Liam Gallagher (sprints, jumps), Maverick Griffin (distance), Nic Johnson (distance), Savannah Pelletier (sprints, hurdles), Rebecca Tuttle (distance), Greg Wheeler (distance).

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CRISSCROSS - PLACES IN TEXAS

Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

3 Letters

IRA

TYE

4 Letters

ANNA

INEZ

LODI

5 Letters

AIKEN

BRYAN

CHINA

KNOTT

PLANO

POINT

6 Letters

EL PASO

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TULETA

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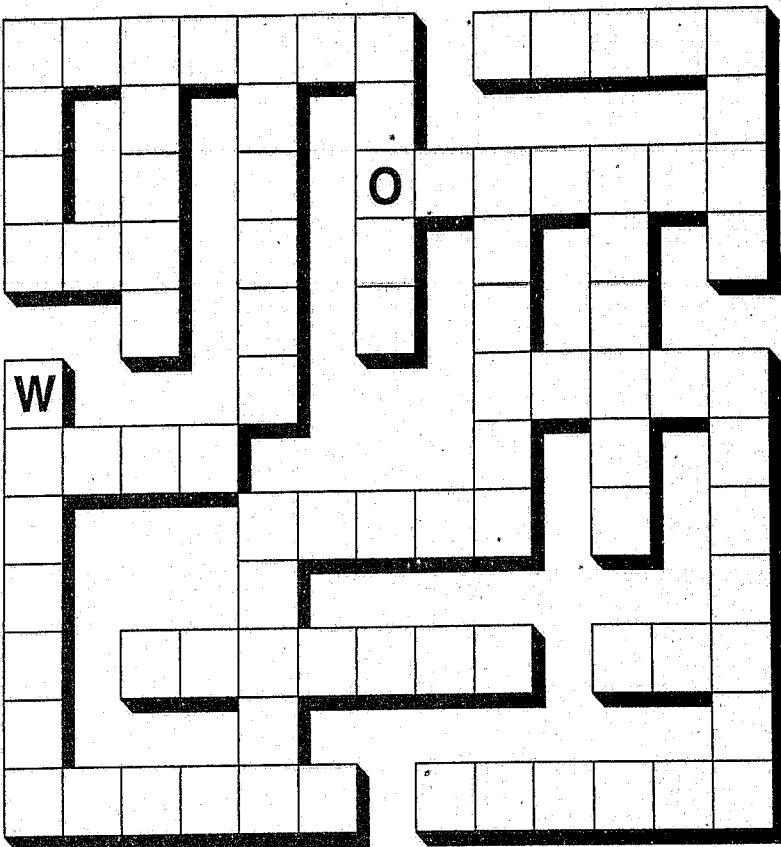
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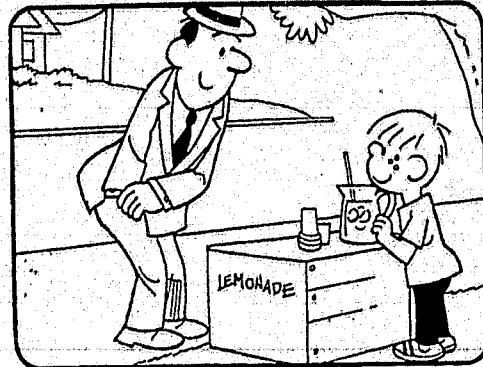
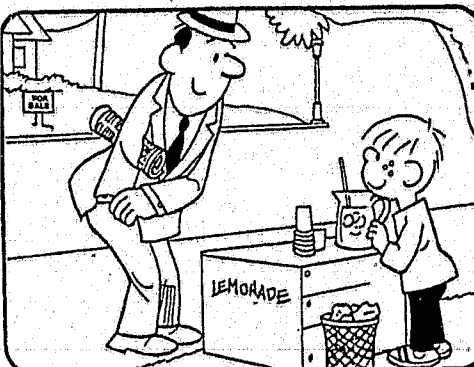


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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences:
1. Sign is missing. 2. Paper is missing. 3. Lamppost is missing. 4. Cup stack is lower. 5. Trash basket is missing. 6. Sleeve is shorter.

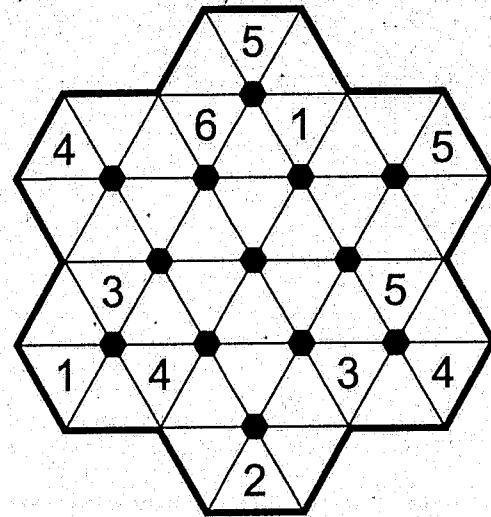
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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them.

No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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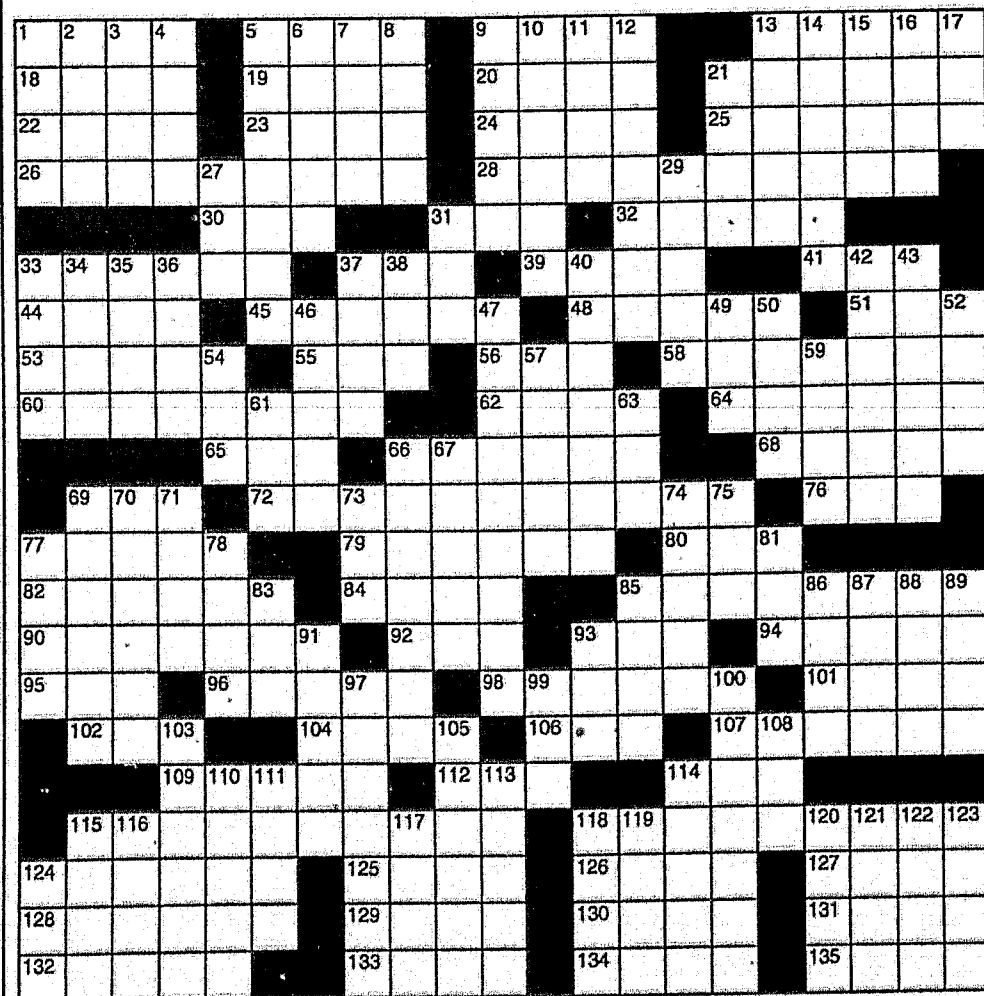
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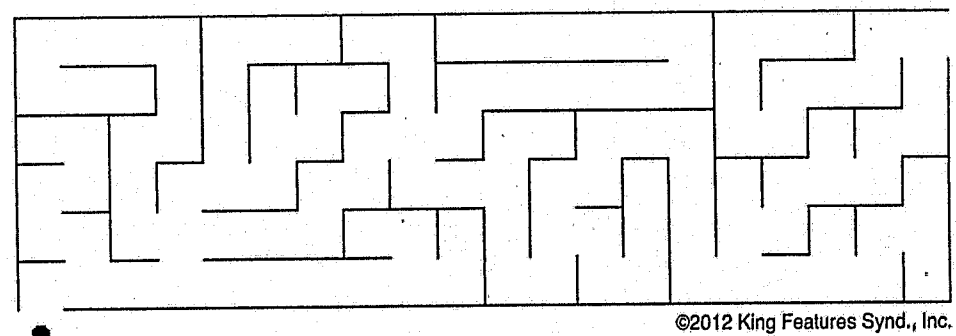
"I think my wife's planning a divorce—she keeps referring to me as her husband."

Super Crossword FAUXCATIONS

- ACROSS
- 1 Slightly open
 - 5 Cell
 - 9 Lose one's fur
 - 13 Orchestra section
 - 18 Ahmedabad attire
 - 19 Voice type
 - 20 Munich mister
 - 21 Proof-of-purchase, often
 - 22 Skip
 - 23 Skeleton part
 - 24 Proficient
 - 25 Second
 - 26 Soda jerk?
 - 28 Laundry CEO?
 - 30 Revolutionary
 - 31 Guevara
 - 32 Drawing room
 - 33 "NYPD Blue" creator
 - 37 — sauce
 - 39 Dandelion or dandel
 - 41 Neutral color
 - 44 Soap additive
 - 45 Charlotte, for one
 - 48 Sacred song
- DOWN
- 51 Swell place?
 - 53 Psychedelic
 - 55 Wharton's "The — of Innocence"
 - 56 Gram lead-in
 - 58 Golf instructor?
 - 60 Dell
 - 62 Shoot down
 - 64 Tristan's toolsie
 - 65 Qly.
 - 66 Gimpel and Jong
 - 68 Writer Rogers
 - 69 Existed
 - 72 Gas station attendant?
 - 76 Hook's mate
 - 77 Criticizes
 - 79 Mischievous
 - 80 Mauna —
 - 82 Dental appointment, e.g.
 - 84 Manuscript imperative
 - 85 Yacht peddler?
 - 90 Roller coaster operator?
 - 92 — Dawn
 - 93 Baby beaver
 - 94 Record player
 - 95 Actor Chaney
- ACROSS
- 96 Attract the IRS?
 - 98 Minnie of "Circle of Friends"
 - 101 Sturdy trees
 - 102 Inc., in England
 - 104 Spare fare
 - 106 Mrs. McKinley
 - 107 Unrefined
 - 109 "Midnight at the —" ('74 hit)
 - 112 Joplin composition
 - 114 Good buddy
 - 115 Herpetologist?
 - 118 Phrenologist?
 - 124 Fiesta target
 - 125 Bring to ruin
 - 126 Austin or Garr
 - 127 Fancy fabric
 - 128 Starting point
 - 129 Sentence pt.
 - 130 Ormay
 - 131 Spoken
 - 132 Prevent
 - 133 It may be spare
 - 134 Writer Harte
 - 135 Guarded
- DOWN
- 3 Neighbor of Cal.
 - 4 "Puttin' on the —" ('83 hit)
 - 5 South American cowboys
 - 6 TV's "Kate & —"
 - 7 Italian rumbler
 - 8 Bank offering
 - 9 Contour
 - 10 Semitic tongue
 - 11 Perry's creator
 - 12 Dons one's duds
 - 13 Sonata movement
 - 14 Range
 - 15 College collar
 - 16 "Stop!"
 - 17 Sneak a peek
 - 21 It's often jumped
 - 27 Travel agcy.?
 - 29 Egyptian statesman
 - 31 "Later!"
 - 33 Cinderella's soiree
 - 34 Spread in a tub
 - 35 Nag subtly
 - 36 Towel word
 - 37 Regret audibly
 - 38 Wordsworth work
- ACROSS
- 39 Potok's "My Name Is —"
 - 42 One of the Judds
 - 43 It's in the groove
 - 46 Page or LaBelle
 - 47 Waught's "Brideshead"
 - 49 Fragrant neckwear
 - 50 Butle
 - 52 Surface measurement
 - 54 Singer Sumac
 - 57 Texas river
 - 59 Cryptanalyst's concern
 - 61 UN agency
 - 63 City in Kyrgyzstan
 - 66 New Haven hardwood
 - 67 — dope (Ali tactic)
 - 69 Pop Art pioneer
 - 70 Impassioned
 - 71 "Graf —"
 - 73 Fleur-de —
 - 74 Raise spirits?
 - 75 Parisian potentate
 - 77 Monastery garb
 - 78 Computer command
 - 81 Matterhorn, e.g.
- DOWN
- 83 Potok's "My Name Is —"
 - 85 Hindu deity
 - 86 Restaurateur
 - 87 Ditch under a drawbridge
 - 88 Egyptian symbol
 - 89 Investigative
 - 91 Chatter box?
 - 93 Baby butter
 - 97 Cause confusion
 - 99 Fix a fight
 - 100 Courbet, e.g.
 - 103 Pharmacist's concern
 - 105 Wall Street figure
 - 108 Half and half?
 - 110 Moving
 - 111 Mikita of hockey
 - 113 Battery part
 - 114 Kind of soup
 - 115 TV's "Spenser: For —"
 - 116 "What's — for me?"
 - 117 Cross inscription
 - 118 Use a dagger
 - 119 Gourmet
 - 120 Deere thing
 - 121 Skater Lipinski
 - 122 Epps or Sharif
 - 123 Bank (on)
 - 124 Seal school



Kids' Maze

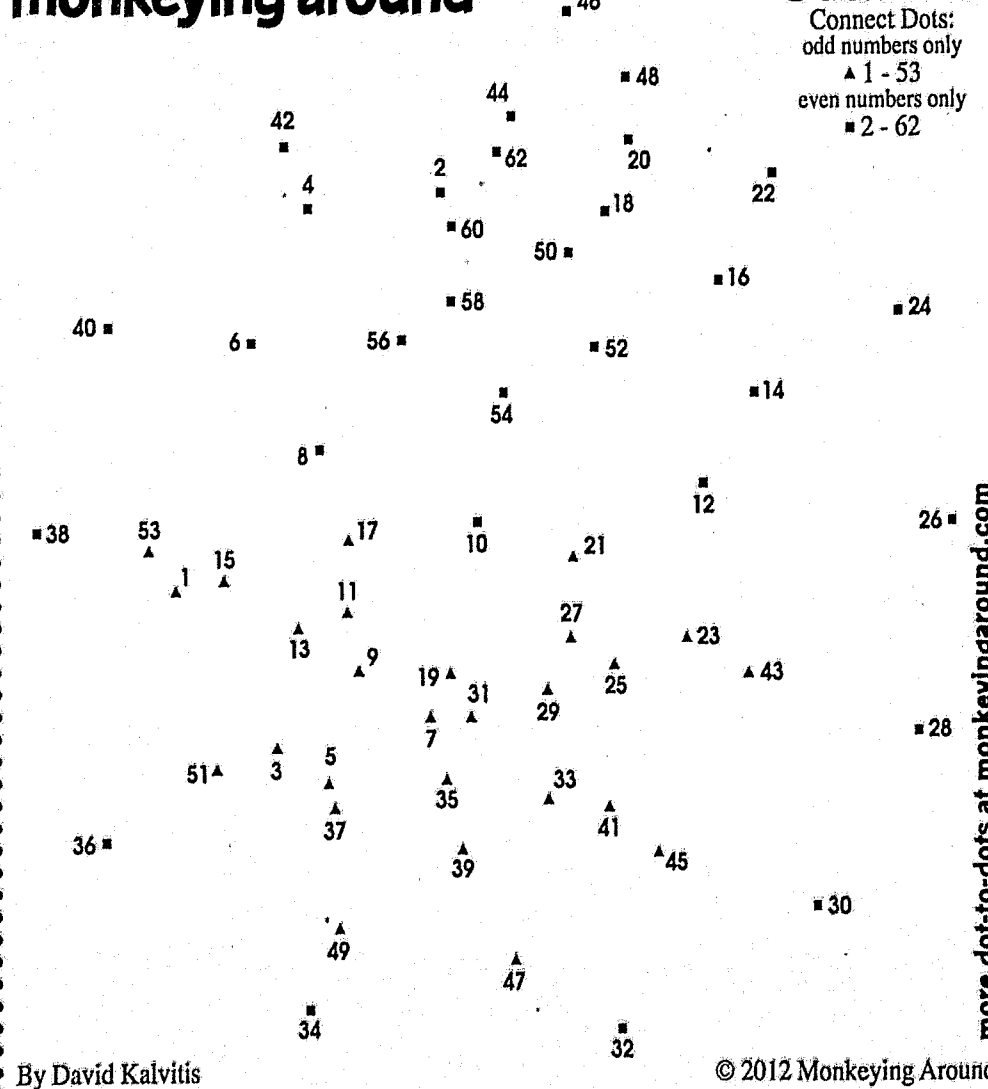


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Odd/Even

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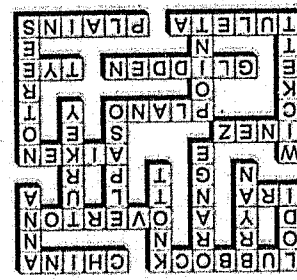


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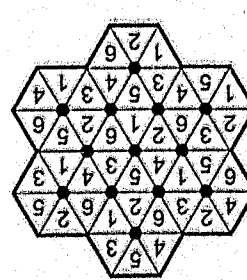
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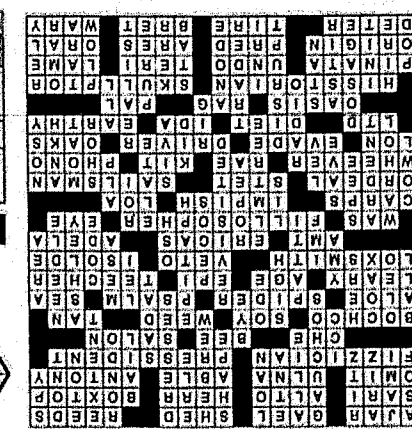
Kids' Maze Solution



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SNOWFLAKES



Super Crossword

Today's Word: Lame Duck

Scramblers:
1. Guess 2. Behold 3. Blank 4. Mollie

ANSWERS:

MAY

3

2012

Community Calendar

Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat., thru June 30

"My Picture Book," exhibit by local artist Sheridan "Mac" McLaughlin at West Paris Public Library. Displayed artwork spans 43 years. Library open 1 to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday, 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. FMI: 674-2004.

Thursday, May 3

Noon to 3 p.m. - **Kindergarten Registration**, Agnes Gray School, West Paris. If child will be 5 before Oct. 15 and plans to attend, call 674-2332. Bring copy of child's birth certificate, immunization record and recent physical examination.

Thursday, May 3 thru Sunday, May 6

8 p.m. - "Jake's Women" performed by Oxford Hills Music and Performing Arts Association at Norway Grange, Whitman Street, Norway. Tickets on sale: Books-N-Things, Main Street, Norway. Tickets half price opening night.

Friday, May 4

11 a.m. - **Grand Opening**, new Mountain Lion Exhibit, Maine Wildlife Park, Gray. FMI: 657-4977 or online www.maine-wildlifepark.com or www.mefishwildlife.com or Facebook.

6:30 p.m. - **Hunts Corner Cemetery Association** meeting Frank and Betty Gingras' home in Albany. FMI: 824-3408.

Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Dinner/Auction at Grand Summit Hotel, Sunday River Resort. 6 p.m. social/silent auction; 7 p.m. dinner; 8 p.m. presentations and awards. Cost: \$49 pp. FMI: 824-2282.

Saturday, May 5

8 a.m. (registration) - **Lyme Disease Awareness Conference**, Mountain Valley Middle School, Highland Terrace, Mexico. FMI: 357-1926 or e-mail dianefarmum@yahoo.com

8 a.m. - **Bird Walk** by Western Foothills Land Trust (rain date Sunday) begins warming hut at Roberts Farm Preserve, 64 Roberts Road, Norway. Bring binoculars, bird books. Dress for weather, bugs, walking and wet footing. Two-hour walk. Refreshments available. \$10 donation requested. FMI: 739-2124 or e-mail wflit@megalink.net

9 a.m. to Noon - **Annual Free Seed Day** at Rumford Center Grange Hall. Seeds donated by seed sales companies to promote agricultural awareness.

10 a.m. to Noon - **Nutrition and Cancer Prevention** sponsored by MaineHealth Learning Resource Center of Stephens Memorial Hospital at Hannaford (1603 Main Street) in Oxford. Free. Registration required. FMI/register (866) 609-5183.

11 a.m. - **Kite making workshop** at Waterford Library. Participants will fly their creations. Light snack served. Elementary school students must be accompanied by adult. Library on routes 35 and 37, Waterford.

5:30 to 6:30 p.m. - **Public Supper**, West Bethel Union Church. Cost: \$7 adults/\$3 children under 12.

Sunday, May 6

Noon to 1:30 p.m. - **Baked Ham Dinner** at Rumford Center Grange Hall. Meal includes baked ham, potato, salad, pickles, rolls, and homemade pies. Cost: \$8 adults/under 12 \$3.50.

12 to 4 p.m. - **Benefit for Marilyn Hamel**, former Special Ed Tech at Crescent Park School recently diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer, will be held at Funky Red Barn, Bethel. \$8 at door. FMI: Nicole Hamel 274-9676 or Linda Smith 824-2764.

2 p.m. - **St. Kieran Arts Center** Performing Arts Series presents The Sounds of the Seacoast, a capella 40-member barbershop style women's chorus. Tickets: \$12 adults/\$6 students or by season ticket membership. FMI: (603) 752-1028 or visit office at 155 Emery Street, Berlin, N.H., or Facebook, or www.stkieranarts.org.

4 p.m. - **Mahoosuc Community Band Spring Concert**

at West Parish Congregational Church, Church Street, Bethel. Donations accepted at door. Refreshments following concert.

7 p.m. - **Woodland Cemetery Company** annual meeting at Stan Howe's house, 18 Broad Street, Bethel. FMI: 824-2291.

Monday, May 7

Noon to 5 p.m. - **Blood Drive** at Telstar gymnasium sponsored by Telstar National Honor Society.

5 to 7 p.m. - **North Country Writers' Night Out Group**, Northern Forest Heritage Park Cookhouse, Main Street, Berlin, N.H. FMI: Dick Conway (603) 449-2558 or Sue Solar (603) 449-2210.

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - **Socrates Cafe**, Waterford Library. Topic for May meeting forum: "Incarnation Nation: Justice in the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave." FMI: 583-6957 or email wla@waterford.lib.me.us

Tuesday, May 8

5 to 9:30 p.m. - **Supper/Dance** Locke Mills Legion Hall, Gore Road. Doors open 4 p.m. Supper by Legion Auxiliary (meat loaf, baked beans, macaroni and cheese, coleslaw, bread, pies). Adults Supper \$7/Dance \$5/ child \$3.

Wednesday, May 9

11 a.m. - **Bethel Senior Citizens Club** dinner/meeting at West Bethel Grange Hall. Due to unforeseen circumstances dinner will be potluck. Please bring a dish to share.

Maine Educators Association-Retired annual convention at Augusta Civic Center.

2 to 4 p.m. - **SeniorsPlus Open House** at Norway Town Hall to introduce a new outreach project for seniors and adults with disabilities in Oxford County. Refreshments. FMI: 795-4010 or (800) 427-1241 or visit www.seniorsplus.org

Thursday, May 10

2 p.m. - **Whitman Memorial Library**, Bryant Pond, guest speaker: Norman E. Lewis, Maine State Game Warden. Mr. Lewis is a resident of Woodstock. The program is open to the public at no charge and light refreshments will be served.

6:30 p.m. - **Oxford County Democrats Candidates Forum** at Western Maine University and Community Center, Main Street, South Paris. Program begins 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 10 and Saturday, May 12

7:30 p.m. - **"Sound of Music"** presented by Gould Academy students at Bingham Auditorium. FMI: 824-7778.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, May 10, 11, 12

7 p.m. and Matinee 2 p.m. Sunday - **"Grease"** presented by Telstar High School Musical Theater Department at Helen C. Berry Auditorium. Donations accepted. FMI: 824-2136.

Thursday thru Sunday, May 10, 11, 12, 13

8 p.m. - **"Jake's Women"** performed by Oxford Hills Music and Performing Arts Association at Norway Grange, Whitman Street, Norway. Tickets on sale: Books-N-Things, Main Street, Norway.

Friday, May 11

6 p.m. - **Alder River Grange** potluck supper/meeting (7 p.m.).

5:30 p.m. - **"The Butler Did It"** by Kim Kelly presentation by Bethel Community Players at The Bethel Inn Resort. A "Welcome to Ravenswood Manor" social in The Gibson Room, and the first act promptly at 6:20 p.m. Dinner served after first act. Seating limited to 80. Tickets: \$29 each on sale April 10 on at The Bethel Inn Resort, Timberlake's Home Store on Route 2, Ruthie's Boutique, Main Street. FMI: Ross Timberlake (824-6545 or e-mail ross@sttimberlake.com).

Saturday, May 12

7 to 9 a.m. - **Public Breakfast**, VFW Post 9787, Lower

Main Street, South Paris. Adults \$5/12 and under \$3. 4 to 7 p.m. - **Community Supper** to benefit Telstar's Drama Program, sponsored by Student Council in Telstar cafeteria. Spaghetti dinner after the matinee "Grease." Cost: \$8. FMI: Ms. Poston, 824-2136 Ext. 206.

Old Fashioned Barn Dance, Mahoosuc Mountain Lodge, Newry w/ Greg and Jessie Boardman playing old-time and contra dance music. Potluck supper 5:30 p.m. (bring dish to share), concert 7 p.m., dance 8 p.m. All dances taught, beginners welcome. Cost: \$12, children under 12 half price, 50/50 raffle, FMI: 824-2073.

Saturdays, May 12, 19, 26

7 to 10 p.m. - **Jones Dance Band** playing old-fashioned dance music, South Paris Legion Hall, Church Street. Adults: \$5. Lunch counter open. No dance on May 5.

Tuesday, May 15

4:30 to 6:30 p.m. - **Ryder Scott, Program Director, 4H Center**, Bryant Pond, presents his research on sustainability education, a Down Home Maine presentation by Western Mountains Senior College. Annual potluck supper. FMI/volunteer a dish: Marcia Foster-Austin 824-3400 or fosterastin@hotmail.com

Tuesdays, May 15, June 5, July 17, Aug. 7, Sept. 11 2 to 4 p.m. - **McLaughlin Garden Power Propagators** on scheduled Tuesdays. Volunteers meet in back corner of barn.

Fridays, May 18, 25 and June 1, 8

1 to 2:30 p.m. - **Active Parenting**, six-week parenting group at Region 9 School of applied Technology, 377 River Road, Mexico. For parents of children 5 through 12. Cost: \$15. Scholarships and fee waivers available for qualifying families. FMI/Register: Tammy Beaulieu 739-6547 or Hallie Twomey 333-6425. Note: no childcare available.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, May 18-20 **10th Annual Northern New England Home Garden Flower Show**, Fryeburg Fairgrounds. Exhibitor info: karla@dicksonandmcgonigle.com or info@homegardenshow.com or call (800) 359-2033 or 207-935-2845.

Saturday, May 19

8:30 a.m. registration - **Second Annual Writers' Conference and Book Festival** at Northern Forest Heritage Park, 942 Main Street, Berlin, N.H. Special guest speaker: Fritz Wetherbee, host of WMUR-TV NH Chronicle. : (603) 752-7202 or visit www.northernforestheritage.org

Saturday, May 26

St. Never's Day Sale, Bethel Historical Society. Items in good condition sought including household goods, furniture, tools, etc. No clothing, computers, tires or other non-saleable items. Leave donations on Stan Howe's side porch 18 Broad Street or back porch of society. FMI: 824-2908 or (800) 824-2910.

9 a.m. - **Sixth Annual Danny Legendre Tournament**, Androscoggin Valley Country Club, Gorham, N.H. FMI or to sign up: e-mail DannyLegendreMGT@yahoo.com or Facebook at Danny Legendre Memorial Golf Tournament.

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Public Inside Yard Sale**, VFW Post 9787, Lower Main Street, South Paris. Tables \$10. Refreshment counter open. Tables: \$10. FMI: Lillian Herrick 743-2641.

Thursday, May 31

Deadline for ordering extended for offering Brook, Brown, and Rainbow Trout for stocking private ponds. Deliveries made directly to ponds. Applications for permit available Oxford County Soil and Water Conservation District, 17 Olson Road, South Paris, or contact Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife in Augusta (287-5261).

REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS

MUNICIPAL

Bethel Selectmen: Second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Planning Board: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Water District: Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Gilead Selectmen: Second Wednesdays of the month, 6 p.m., Town Office

Gilead Planning Board: First Thursdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Greenwood Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Hanover Selectmen: Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. unless otherwise posted.

Hanover Planning Board: First Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Newry Selectmen: First and third Mondays of the month, 5:30 p.m., Town Office.

Newry Planning Board: First and third Wednesdays of the

month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Planning Board: First and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Town Office

SAD 44 School Board: Second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7 p.m., Telstar High School (occasionally meet at other schools; call 824-2185 for info).

ORGANIZATIONS

Bethel

First Sunday of month, 7 p.m.—Bethel Snow Twisters at 208 Walkers Mills Rd.

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TELSTAR MIDDLE SCHOOL



Former elementary teacher Norma Salway visited with Telstar Middle School's sixth graders recently to describe her journey as a published author. Sixth grade students are beginning to write children's stories to publish as a book. They will be writing and illustrating their stories that are intended for an audience of Kindergarten- third-grade students. Through Salway's presentation they learned about the process of getting a book published, saw how many different manuscripts she had for one of her books, "Touched by a Hummingbird," and heard excerpts from a few books she is currently working on. She encouraged them to take little pieces of their life to put into their own writing and to keep reading to gain inspiration and knowledge of the writing process. She is shown here with some of her former first-graders.

From left:
Author Tim
Caverly; 8th
grader Carla
Boyle-White;
8th grader
Mackenzie
Bragg-
Albert.
(Photo: J.
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Maine Author Visits TMS

By Joe Arizzi

"Awesome" is how some TMS students described author and outdoorsman Tim Caverly's visit April 11.

Caverly enjoys sharing his outdoor experiences by presenting "A Literacy Celebration of the Maine Experience" at schools to encourage students to read, write and learn about their state.

Seventh-grade students were treated to an interactive presentation which included music and scenic and historic photos. One student remarked that, "I learned that it's (Allagash Wilderness Waterway) such a special place and that it's nationally recognized and protected by laws." Another student wrote, "I liked that the presentation was like a trip and that he related each place we stopped to things he puts in his books. He showed us real pictures of those places."

Caverly conducted two Writing Workshops for about 30 future authors. He told the students that "they have to be patient and set realistic goals, take ideas from real things and add to them to make them more creative or interesting."

TMS language arts teachers plan to have the 7th grade students read Caverly's third book "An Allagash Haunting."

Teacher Lindsay Luetje said they will discuss the book as a great example of voice, and use it as a tool for identifying strong word choices as well as figurative language. The faculty plans to have the students complete two assessments. One will be writing a letter to the author reflecting on what they enjoyed about the book and asking follow-up questions. The other will be the creation of a placemat to share information the students researched about the Allagash including earth science/formation of it and the history of how it's been used by humans and wildlife.

Eighth grade students will read Caverly's fourth book, A Wilderness Ranger's Journal - "Rendezvous at Devil's Elbow". This book includes tales from the nationally recognized wild and scenic river.

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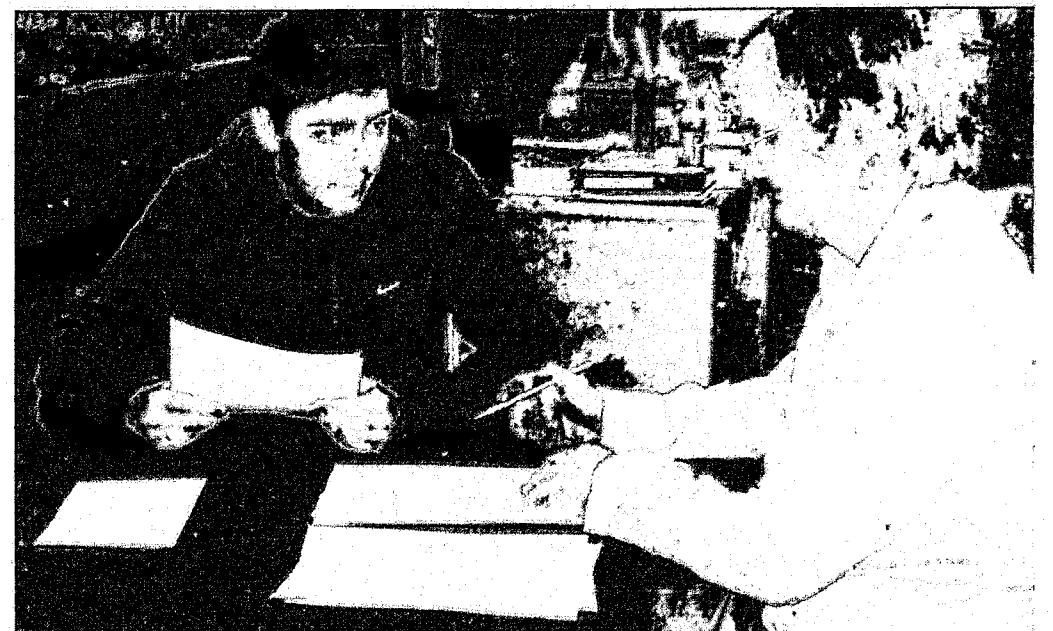


Students at Andover Elementary recently teamed up to make an Easter craft. Seen here are students from Mrs. Clarke's K/1 and Ms. Perry's 2/3 classes.

TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL



CAREER WEEK DEMONSTRATION-Telstar High School recently held its annual Career Week, in which students explore career options. One student shadowed the Rumford Fire Department, and then on a day following when students demonstrated their knowledge, asked the Bethel Fire Department to take part. Sponsors of Career Week include: A and A Repair; American Airlines, Chicago; Amos Kimball; Bader Richard Physical Therapy; Bates College; Bennett's Lumber; Berlin City Auto; Bethel Animal Hospital; Bethel Town Office; Biddeford Animal Hospital; Centas (Stockholm, Sweden); Cole's Trucking; Costa Farm; Crescent Park Elementary; Dan's Automotive; Dr. Mason's office; Four Season Realty; In the Zone; Ivory Currier Electric; J & K Sporting Goods; Karen Rosenberg; KBS building systems; Kiva Systems, Inc. (MA); KK Kanine Kare; Mallard Mart; West Paris; Outlook Recording Studio; PACE; Paris Elementary School; Region 9 CNA; Royalty Inn; Rumford Elementary School; Rumford Fire Dept.; Rumford Hospital; Shelburne Chipping Plant; Stephens Memorial Hospital; Sunday River; Sunday River TV; Telstar High School; Telstar Middle School; Theresa Hair Salon; Wayne Howe- public access channel; West Bethel Children's Center; Woodstock Elementary.



Bethel Rotary Club's Application/Resume/Interview Workshop at THS
On March 30 Bethel Rotarians and members of the Class of 2012 presented a job application, resume, and interview workshop for Telstar High School students. Seniors served as a workshop assistant and provided students application and resume worksheets as well as interview role play evaluation sheets. Two additional seniors volunteered as interviewees and were interviewed by Bethel Rotarians. Students and staff members observed and evaluated two role playing interviews. The workshop also included how to fill out a job application, how to design a resume and how best to participate in an interview. Seniors who helped develop and present this workshop were: Gabe Aguilar, Emily Bellinger, Catelynn Bennett, Joey Blanchard, Trent Bonney, Matt Bolen, Kallie Brown, Kendra Carter, Britany Douglass, Taylor Kelly, Ben Lewis, James Lowell, Carson McKay, James Piccirillo, Matthew Keane, Natasha Farnum, Kyle Peterson and Danny Whitney. Bethel Rotarians also involved in the workshop were Club President Ellie Andrews, Ian Blair, Walter Hatch, Bruce Powell, Pat Roma, Lorena Tyler and THS Principal Dan Hart. Above, Andrews works with senior Joey Blanchard.

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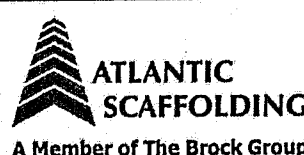
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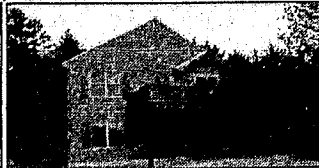
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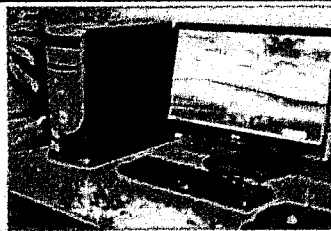


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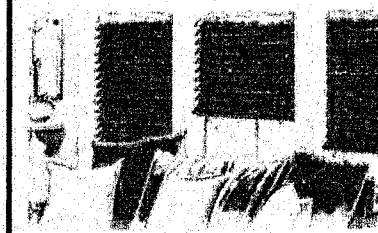
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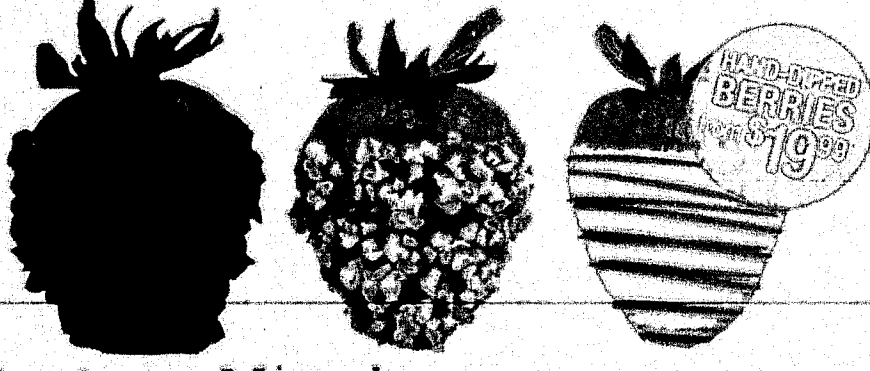
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Obituaries



REV. EDWIN E. BEERS

Ed Beers, loving husband of Shirley and father of Emily and Sarah, spiritual guide to many, preacher of the Gospel, intercessor and embracer of humanity, died Monday, April 16, 2012 at the age of 86 with his wife and daughters at his side.

Ed served as a campus minister at his alma mater, the University of Wisconsin-Madison for 26 years; served in the U.S. Coast Guard off the coast of Normandy after the D-Day invasion in World War II; ministered to rural communities in Ohio, Venezuela and Wisconsin in the 1950s; marched with Dr. Martin Luther King,

Jr. in Selma, Ala., during the civil rights movement and counseled students opposed to the Vietnam war. Throughout his life, Ed opposed the folly of war and the growing violence of a society that cared less about the poor and suffering and more about the escapism of entertainment and the isolation fostered by technology.

Ed was born on Sept. 21, 1925 and grew up in Wauwatosa, Wis., the son of Kenneth E. Beers and Mabel H. Larson, and brother to Dorothy Beers (Neumann). He attended the UW-Madison on the GI Bill and earned a Master's degree in Counseling and Guidance. He worked in the Edgerton public schools as a guidance counselor and recreation director before entering the Graduate School of Theology at Oberlin College where he earned a Master of Divinity degree. He married Shirley Friedrich on June 12, 1953 and was ordained in the United Church of Christ in 1957.

Preaching was one of Ed's greatest loves and greatest gifts. His astute exegesis and inspired presence

graced congregations in Madison and beyond until the very end of his life, including, most recently, Sunday Assembly at Holy Wisdom Monastery where he was a regular homilist and presider.

Holy Wisdom was one of the spiritual anchors of Ed's life. In 1980, Ed and Shirley were among the founders of Community of Benedict, an ecumenical group of lay men and women who seek to follow the Rule of Benedict in their daily lives. Already attuned to the spirit of monasticism, Ed made contact with the Protestant community of Taizé in France in the 1960s, making several visits there to live and study, as well as bringing Taizé monks to Madison on several occasions. One such occasion included the baptism of his daughter, Emily, the first American child to be baptized by a Taizé monk. Ed met and worked with many theological giants of his era but never considered himself one of them; yet for hundreds to whom he provided spiritual direction he was a profound influence. As a mentor, he helped shape a new generation of clergy, guiding many in the practice of silence and contemplative prayer. His humbleness and compassion for others showed no bounds; he worked with prisoners, the homeless and the destitute, constantly striv-

ing for peace, justice, and equality.

After retiring from campus ministry in the early 1990s Ed moved deeper into his own contemplative life, sharing the fruits of his journey with others as a retreat leader, intercessor, writer and spiritual guide. Ed loved good food, sailing, basketball and folk dancing. He loved books, poetry, humor and scripture; simplicity, prayer and family.

True to his nature and spirit, Ed made dear friends and continued to nurture those relationships wherever he traveled. This included the State of Maine with which both he and Shirley fell in love over 50 years ago, and is now where his daughter, Emily, resides. He loved visiting Shirley's family in Camden and Rockport and was transfixed by the beauty of sailing on the ocean. He was eager to meet people and so grateful for the friendships made over many visits to Bethel. This included his dear friend the Rev. Jean Bass (retired) who he had ordained in Wisconsin over 40 years ago.

Those who loved Ed will gather at Holy Wisdom Monastery, 4200 Cty. Road M in Middleton, Wis., on Friday, May 4, at 10:30 a.m. (visitation at 9:30) to remember and celebrate his life and to embrace each other as he embraced each person he met.

Births

Rebecca Rivard and James Good of Titusville, Fla., are happy to announce the birth of their son, Anthony James Good, born on April 17, 2012.

Maternal grandparents are Lydia Westleigh of Mechanic Falls, Maine and Earl Rivard of Hiram, Maine.

Paternal grandparents are Richard and Diana Good of Port Saint John, Fla.

Maternal great-grandparents are Marjorie Westleigh of Albany Township, Maine, and Claudette Rivard of Cornish, Maine.

Paternal great-grandparents are Henrietta Yurrovhak of Hazelton, Pa., and Charlie and Mary Good of Hazelton, Pa.

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CARROLL 'SID' SCOTT

Carroll "Sid" Scott, 69, of West Paris, died Saturday morning, April 28, 2012 at his home.

He was born in Lewiston on May 7, 1942, the son of Verne and Ruth Churchill Scott. He graduated from Buckfield High School in 1960.

For 20 years he worked at the tannery and for 37 years he was a rural carrier for the United States Postal Service.

He enjoyed camp in Stratton, hunting, fishing, Beano and cribbage.

He is survived by his wife, Cynthia Abbott Scott of West Paris; a daughter, Julie Curtis and husband Kenny of Greenwood; a brother, Robert and his wife Nancy of Harrison; a sister, Linda Brown and her husband Randy of Augusta; a grandson, Zac; granddaughter, Nicole; great-granddaughter, Annabelle; his dog, Buddy; and nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by a son, Timmy Bruce; and a brother, Walter and his wife Diane.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, May 2, at Wayside Cemetery, West Paris. In lieu of flowers, those wishing may make donations in his memory to Androscoggin Home Health and Hospice Care, P.O. Box 819, Lewiston, ME 04240.

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Saturday May 5th 9:00 - 5:00

Marks the opening day for
HALLS POND GARDENS & NURSERY



For over 18 years, owner Mark Brandhorst has been creating a Mecca of gardens and stone work, including the cultivation of an abandoned barn foundation. Stone steps descending down into the foundation reveal beautiful stone walls with succulents growing in the rocks.

Mark recently completed a bridge connecting the rock garden to the woodland gardens where small patches of delicate spring flowers bloom through the month of May. The stones that adorn the gardens are home to sempervivums (hens & chicks) - a hardy variety of succulents that grow easily and adapt to a variety of conditions. These rock loving plants are primarily what Mark sells in the nursery along with Sedums and sculptural troughs containing misc. rock garden plants.

One of the unique qualities of Halls Pond Gardens is that, while it does cater to those who love to grow succulents, it is - and was - primarily a series of beautiful gardens and stone work that has grown slowly over the years yielding an organic, sculptural feel. Halls Pond Gardens is an experience as well as a nursery. People who visit the gardens can both choose from a variety of plants, and leave with inspiration and ideas for their own creative endeavors.

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